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Naval Station Pascagoula Pascagoula, Miss. Closure Recommendation

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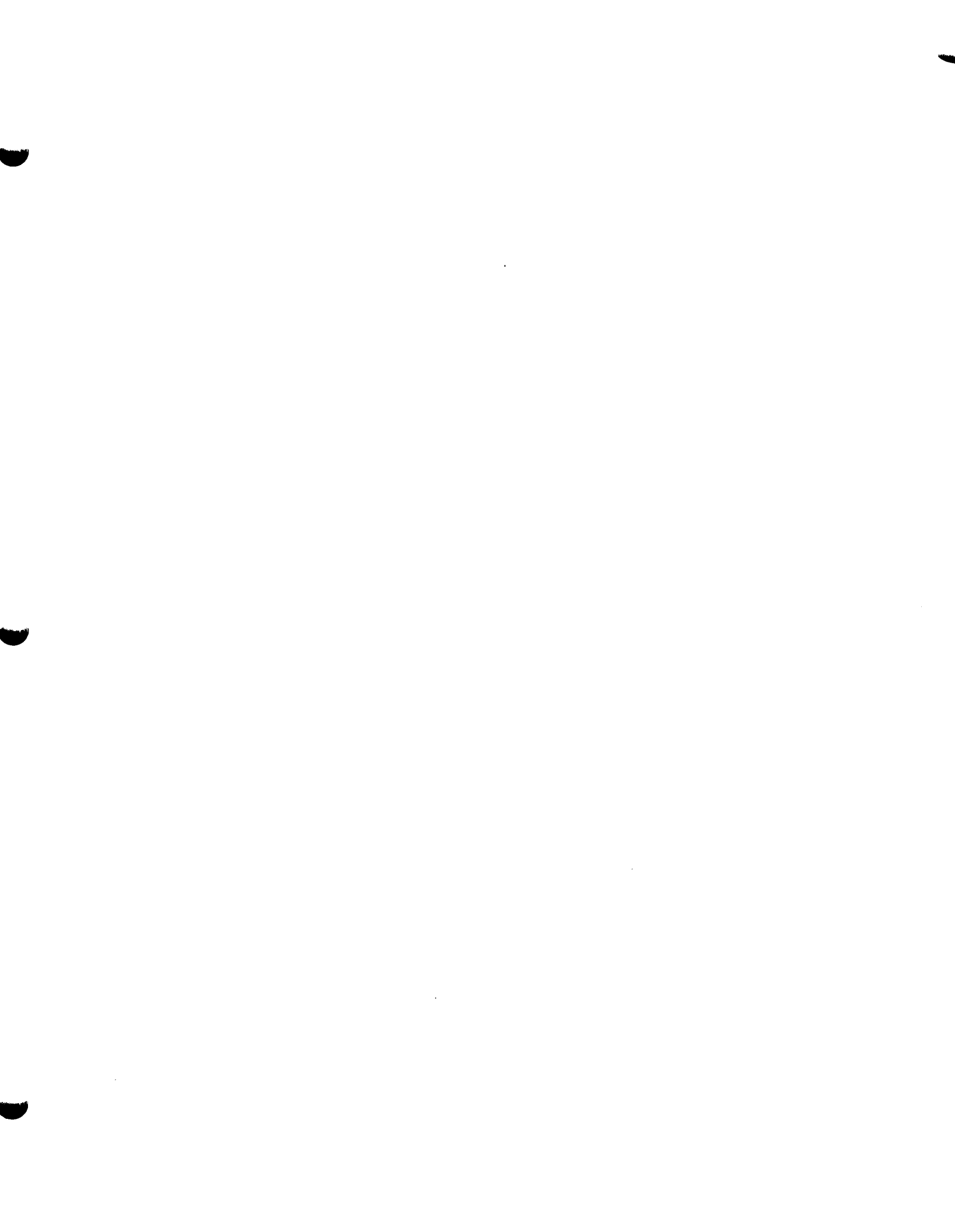
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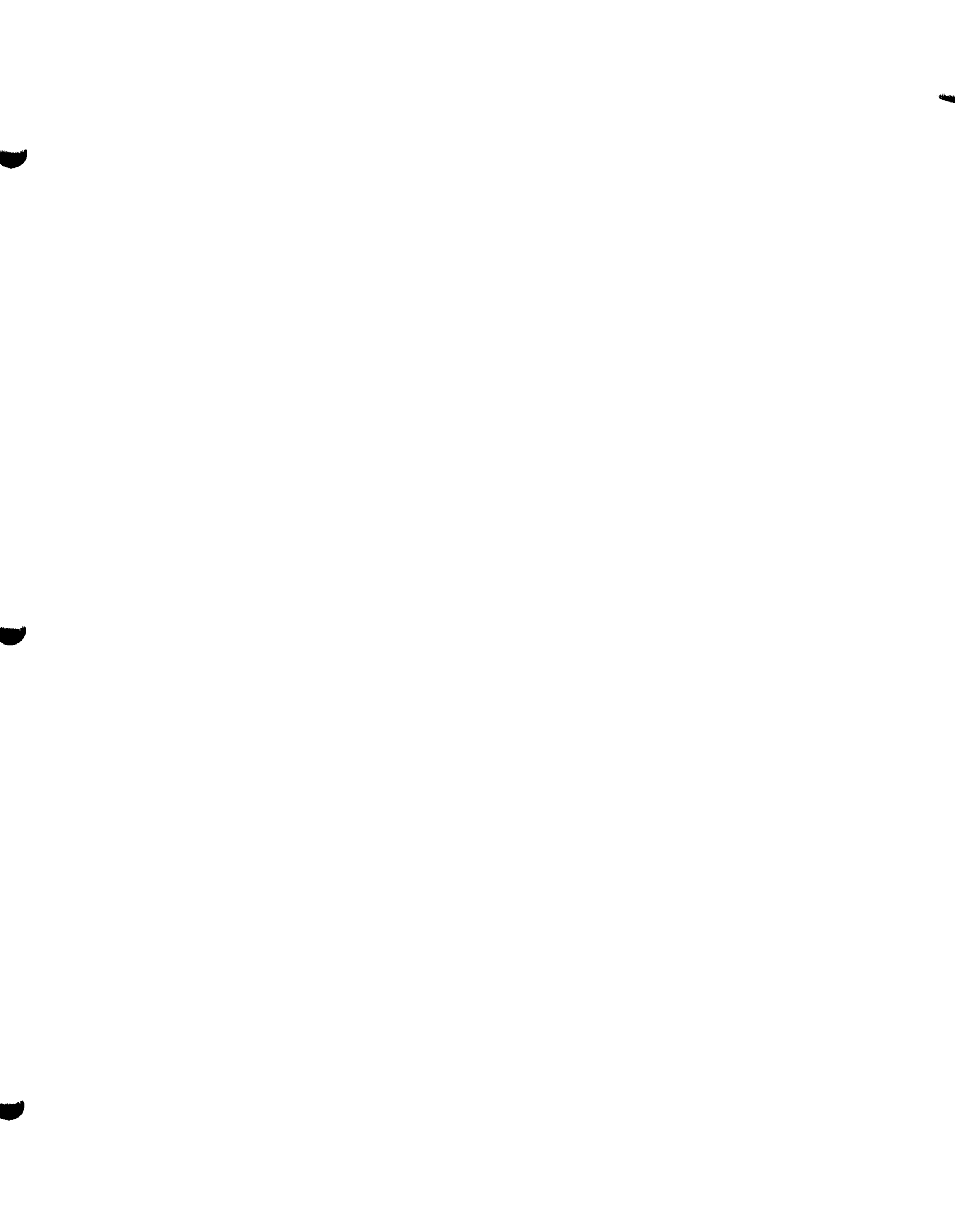
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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, BRAC

Commissioner Fact Finding Site Visit

Naval Station Pascagoula

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	POC	ACTION
15 June 1720	ADM Gehman arrives by Navy helicopter from NAS Pensacola FL, and is met by BRAC Commission staff	NS Pascagoula	Brian McDaniel 202-641-6406 or 703-861-1159 cells	Mr. McDaniel picks-up ADM at NS Pascagoula
1730 to 1800	Drive to NS Pascagoula (Lakeside Support Facility CBQ)	Lakeside Support Facility CBQ (Pascagoula)	Brian McDaniel	Mr. McDaniel drives the ADM to Navy CBQ in Pascagoula, MS
16-June 0730	Depart Lakeside Support Facility CBQ	NS Pascagoula BOQ	Brian McDaniel	Mr. McDaniel drives the ADM to NS Pascagoula
0755	Arrive NS Pascagoula	Naval Station, Bldg. 10, 2 nd deck Conference Room	CDR. Robert Benjamin, CO Mr. Brian Silas, NS BRAC Coordinator.	Introduction with NS CO
0800 to 0930	Commissioner's Command Brief	Naval Station, Bldg. 10, 2 nd deck Conference Room	CDR. Robert Benjamin, CO;	Naval Station and Command Briefings
0930 to 0940	Break			
0940 to 1100	Naval Station Tour	NS Pascagoula	CDR. Robert Benjamin, CO	NS will provide a windshield tour of base and offsite housing
1100 to 1115	NS CO Exit Briefing	NS Pascagoula	CDR. Robert Benjamin and ADM Gehman	
1120	ADM Gehman departs NS Pascagoula for Keesler AFB	NS Pascagoula	Brian McDaniel 703-699-2645 202-641-6406 cell	Mr. McDaniel drives the ADM To Kessler AFB
1200	ADM Gehman arrives at Keesler AFB	Keesler AFB	Justin Breitschopf 703-699-2935	Mr. Breitschopf ADM begins Kessler AFB Fact Finding Site Visit



DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

BASE SUMMARY SHEET

(Naval Station Pascagoula, Pascagoula, MS)

INSTALLATION MISSION

Enable war fighter readiness by providing support to the fleet and sailors.

DOD BRAC RECOMMENDATIONS

Close Naval Station Pascagoula, MS. Relocate its ships along with dedicated personnel, equipment, and support to Naval Station Mayport, FL.

Relocate the ship intermediate repair function to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Mayport, FL

Related Actions Associated with Recommendation:

1. Consolidate FISC Jacksonville, FL function FISC Jacksonville DET Pascagoula, MS with FISC Jacksonville.
2. Disestablish NAVDENCEN Gulf Coast Pensacola, FL, function Branch Dental Clinic NS Pascagoula, MS.
3. Disestablish NAVHOSP Pensacola, FL, function Branch Medical Activity Pascagoula, MS.

DOD JUSTIFICATION

- Recommendation will reduce excess berthing capacity while allowing for consolidation of surface ships in a fleet concentration area.
- Sufficient capacity and fleet dispersal is maintained with East Coast surface fleet homeports of Naval Station Norfolk and Naval Station Mayport, FL.
- Gulf Coast presence can be achieved as needed with available Navy ports at Naval Air Station Key West, FL and Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.
- The Guided Missile Cruisers (CG-47 Class) at Naval Station Pascagoula are scheduled for decommissioning prior to FY 2006 and will not relocate.
- Recommendation supports mission elimination at Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Pascagoula and reduces excess repair capacity.
- The Defense Common Ground Station-Navy 2 facility can be relocated to another Naval activity or remain in its present location as a tenant of the U.S. Coast Guard, if the Coast Guard elects to assume property ownership of some or all of the Pascagoula facility.

COST CONSIDERATIONS DEVELOPED BY DOD

- One-Time Costs: \$17.9 million
- Net Savings (Cost) during Implementation: \$220 million
- Annual Recurring Savings: \$47.3 million
- Return on Investment Year: **Immediate**
- Net Present Value over 20 Years: **\$665.7 million**

MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION (EXCLUDES CONTRACTORS)

	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Contractors</u>
Baseline	844	112	
Job Eliminated	(429)	(110)	(7)
Jobs Realigned	(415)	(2)	
Total (net)	(844)	(112)	(7)
Total Post BRAC	0	0	0

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

This recommendation indicates impacts of costs at the installations involved, which reported \$20 thousand in costs for waste management and environmental compliance. These costs were included in the payback calculation. There are no known environmental impediments to implementation of this recommendation.

REPRESENTATION

Governor: Harley Barbour (R)

Senators: Trent Lott (R) -- 3rd Term (66% of the vote last election)
Thad Cochran (R) -- 5th Term (85% of the vote last election)

Representative: Gene Taylor (D-4th District) -- 9th Term (64% of the vote last election)
(Member HASC)

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Potential Employment Loss: 1,761 jobs (963 direct and 798 indirect)
- MSA Job Base: 68,520 jobs
- Percentage: 2.6% percent decrease
- 88% of direct job losses due to military

MILITARY ISSUES

- Loss of surge capabilities in region
- Changes in transit times to Gulf
- Impact of “fence line” closure of NS on Combined Bachelor Quarters Complex (Lakeside)
- Impact of “fence line” closure of NS on Family Housing complex under construction
- Capacity of “gaining” activity (NS Mayport) to accommodate relocated ships, crews, and their families.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ISSUES

- Loss of Navy Housing for remaining Navy activities (i.e., Gulfport)
- Job loss and economic impact on local communities
- Loss of US Navy presence

ITEMS OF SPECIAL EMPHASIS

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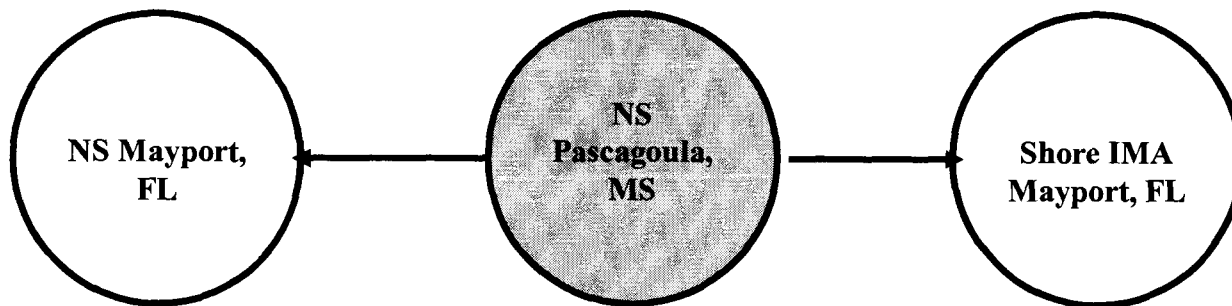
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NAVAL STATION PASCAGOULA, MS

CLOSE

Out		In		Net Gain/(Loss)		Net Mission Contractor	Total Direct
Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ		
(844)	(112)	0	0	(844)	(112)	(7)	(963)

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RECOMMENDATION FOR CLOSURE NAVAL STATION, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI

Recommendation: Close Naval Station Pascagoula, MS. Relocate its ships along with dedicated personnel, equipment, and support to Naval Station Mayport, FL. Relocate the ship intermediate repair function to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Mayport, FL

Justification: This recommendation will reduce excess berthing capacity while allowing for consolidation of surface ships in a fleet concentration area. Sufficient capacity and fleet dispersal is maintained with East Coast surface fleet homeports of Naval Station Norfolk and Naval Station Mayport, FL. Gulf Coast presence can be achieved as needed with available Navy ports at Naval Air Station Key West, FL and Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL. The Guided Missile Cruisers (CG-47 Class) at Naval Station Pascagoula are scheduled for decommissioning prior to FY 2006 and will not relocate. This recommendation also supports mission elimination at Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Pascagoula and reduces excess repair capacity. The Defense Common Ground Station-Navy 2 facility can be relocated to another Naval activity or remain in its present location as a tenant of the U.S. Coast Guard, if the Coast Guard elects to assume property ownership of some or all of the Pascagoula facility.

Payback: The total estimated one-time cost to the Department of Defense to implement this recommendation is \$17.94 million. The net of all costs and savings to the Department during the implementation period is a savings of \$220.02 million. Annual recurring savings to the Department after implementation are \$47.43 million with an immediate payback expected. The net present value of the costs and savings to the Department over 20 years is a savings of \$665.69 million. This recommendation affects the U.S. Coast Guard, a non-DoD Federal Agency. In the absence of access to credible cost and savings information for that agency or knowledge regarding whether the agency will remain on the installation, the Department assumed that the non-DoD Federal agency will be required to assume new base operating responsibilities on the affected installation. The Department further assumed that because of these new base-operating responsibilities, the effect of the recommendation on the non-DoD agency would be an increase in its costs. As required by Section 2913(d) of the BRAC statute, the Department has taken the effect on the costs of this agency into account when making this recommendation.

Economic Impact on Communities: Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 1,762 jobs (963 direct jobs and 799 indirect jobs) over the 2006-2011 period in the Pascagoula, Mississippi Metropolitan Statistical Area, which is 2.57 percent of economic area employment. The aggregate economic impact of all recommended actions on this economic region of influence was considered and is at Appendix B of Volume I.

Community Infrastructure: A review of community attributes indicates no issues regarding the ability of the infrastructure of the communities to support missions, forces, and personnel. There are no known community infrastructure impediments to implementation of all recommendations affecting the installations in this recommendation.

Environmental Impact: Naval Station Mayport, FL is in Maintenance for Ozone (1-Hour), but an Air Conformity Determination is not required. No impacts are anticipated for cultural, archeological, or tribal resources; dredging; land use constraints or sensitive resource areas; marine mammals, resources or sanctuaries; noise; threatened and endangered species or critical habitat; waste management; water resources; or wetlands. This recommendation indicates impacts of costs at the installations involved, which reported \$20 thousand in costs for waste management and environmental compliance. These costs were included in the payback calculation. This recommendation does not otherwise impact the costs of environmental restoration, waste management or environmental compliance activities. The aggregate environmental impact of all recommended BRAC actions affecting the installations in this recommendation has been reviewed. There are no known environmental impediments to implementation of this recommendation.



**Military Value Scoring
Surface-Subsurface Function**

Ranking	DoN Activity	Military Value
1	NS PEARL HARBOR HI	74.50
2	NS NORFOLK VA	67.51
3	NAVSHIPYD NORFOLK VA	64.03
4	SUBASE KINGS BAY GA	63.51
5	NS BREMERTON WA	63.25
6	SUBASE BANGOR WA	62.98
7	NS SAN DIEGO CA	61.43
8	NAS NORTH ISLAND CA	59.68
9	SUBASE SAN DIEGO CA	58.29
10	NAVMAG PEARL HARBOR	58.24
11	NAB LITTLE CREEK VA	55.90
12	NS MAYPORT FL	55.71
13	NS EVERETT WA	50.68
14	SUBASE NEW LONDON CT	50.68
15	NAVSHIPYD PORTSMOUTH NH	48.21
16	COMNAVMIARIANAS GU	47.67
17	NAS PENSACOLA FL	45.85
18	BLOUNT ISLAND CMD JAX FL	45.78
19	WPNSTA YORKTOWN VA	44.91
20	WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC	43.31
21	NB VENTURA CTY PT MUGU CA	42.86
22	NS NEWPORT RI	42.36
23	NS INGLESIDE TX	42.23
24	NAS KEY WEST FL	40.59
25	WPNSTA EARLE COLTS NECK NJ	39.07
26	NAVORDTESTU CAPE CANAVERAL FL	37.71
27	NS PASCAGOULA MS	37.08
28	NSA PANAMA CITY FL	33.73
29	WPNSTA SEAL BEACH at CONCORD CA	30.82

Summary Stats:	
Max:	74.50
Min:	30.82
Range:	43.68
Mean:	50.64
Median:	48.21
Std Dev.	10.97

Shaded Activities Represent "Non-Active" Bases

IJCSG Summary Military Value Report for Shipyard IMA

<i>Activity:</i>	<i>Score:</i>
SIMA_SAN_DIEGO_CA	0.5980
TRIREFFAC_KINGS_BAY_GA	0.5801
NAVIMFAC_PACNORWEST_BANGOR_WA	0.5213
SIMA_NORFOLK_VA	0.4905
CDU_SAN_DIEGO_CA	0.4316
SIMA_MAYPORT_FL	0.3727
SIMA_NRMF_INGLESIDE_TX	0.3042
NAVSUBSUPPFAC_NEW_LONDON_CT	0.2961
SIMA_PASCAGOULA_MS	0.2842
NAVIMFAC_PACNORWEST_EVERETT_WA	0.2220
NSY_AND_IMF_PUGET_SOUND_DET_SAN_DIEGO_CA	0.1737
NSY_AND_IMF_PUGET_SOUND_DET_PT_LOMA_CA	0.1663
NAVIMFAC_PACNORWEST_BREMERTON_WA	0.0748

IJCSG - Ship Repair and Overhaul Capacity Report - Capacity by Site

<i>Function</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Total Current Capacity (dlh(k))</i>	<i>Total Current Usage (dlh(k))</i>	<i>Maximum Capacity (dlh(k))</i>	<i>Capacity Required to Surge (dlh(k))*</i>	<i>Capacity Available to Surge/Excess Capacity (dlh(k))*</i>
<i>Intermediate Maintenance</i>						
	CDU_SAN_DIEGO_CA	102.8	118.0		0.0	
	NAVIMFAC_PACNORWEST_BANGOR_WA	1,626.8	1,261.0	1,626.8	0.0	365.8
	NAVIMFAC_PACNORWEST_BREMERTON_WA	146.8	82.0	146.8	0.0	64.8
	NAVIMFAC_PACNORWEST_EVERETT_WA	281.3	99.0	281.3	0.0	182.3
	NAVSUBSUPPFAC_NEW_LONDON_CT	1,201.6	832.1	1,418.8	0.0	586.8
	NSY_AND_IMF_PUGET_SOUND_DET_PT_LOMA_CA	270.5	219.2	270.5	0.0	51.3
	NSY_AND_IMF_PUGET_SOUND_DET_SAN_DIEGO_CA	1,220.0	967.5	1,220.0	0.0	252.5
	SIMA_MAYPORT_FL	852.3	876.3	1,146.0	0.0	269.7
	SIMA_NORFOLK_VA	1,825.0	1,629.3	2,063.7	0.0	434.3
	SIMA_NRMF_INGLESIDE_TX	495.5	262.7	495.5	0.0	232.8
	SIMA_PASCAGOULA_MS	274.6	192.8	308.5	0.0	115.7
	SIMA_SAN_DIEGO_CA	3,050.0	3,050.0	3,686.9	0.0	636.9
	TRIREFFAC_KINGS_BAY_GA	2,088.0	1,614.7	2,088.0	0.0	473.3

* For ship maintenance, it is not economical to maintain unused capacity dedicated to surge.

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Naval Station Pascagoula

Commanding Officer

Commander Robert Benjamin Jr.

CDR Robert Benjamin Jr. was born in Fort Bragg, N.C. and grew up in Oneonta, N.Y. He enlisted in the Navy in 1974 upon completion of high school. After completion of his first enlistment, he attended Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood, Pa., earning several Associate of Applied Science degrees. He reentered the Navy in 1984 and was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program. Attending Auburn University in Auburn, Ala. he was commissioned an Ensign in 1987.

After commissioning he reported to Newport, R. I., where he attended Surface Warfare Officer School. He then attended Damage Control Assistant School, where he received the prestigious RADM H. E. Schonland Award. Upon completion of initial training, he reported to USS STARK (FFG 31) serving as the Damage Control Assistant and Ordnance Officer. While on board USS STARK he deployed to the North Atlantic and Mediterranean as part of Standing Naval Forces Atlantic. During his tour on board USS STARK, he was selected for Training and Administration of Reserves (TAR) program.

CDR Benjamin graduated with distinction from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. in 1993, earning a Master of Science degree in Information Technology Management. Following attendance at the Surface Warfare Officer Department Head School in Newport, R.I., he reported as Engineer Officer on board USS DE WERT (FFG 45). While on board USS DE WERT he deployed to the Mediterranean as part of Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean. After his Engineer Officer tour, CDR Benjamin reported to the CINCLANTFLT Propulsion Examining Board (PEB) in Norfolk, Va. as a Gas Turbine Examiner. While at the PEB, he qualified as a Project Officer and Examiner for all conventional propulsion types. Commander Benjamin served as Commanding Officer of Naval Reserve Center, Tuscaloosa, Ala., from October 1998 until July 2001. He assumed command of USS OSPREY



(MHC 51) in January 2001. Upon completion of his at sea command tour he reported to the Staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, Expeditionary Warfare Division, Mine Warfare Branch, in October 2003.

CDR Benjamin's personal and unit awards include: the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), Meritorious Unit Citation, Battle Efficiency Award (four awards), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal (three awards), Armed Forces Service Medal, NATO Medal and Pistol Expert.

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Executive Officer

Lieutenant Commander Sabra Kountz

LCDR Sabra Kountz graduated from Marshall University with a BA in International Affairs, Political Science and Spanish. She received her commission from Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI in 1992.



Her first assignment was to the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, Dahlgren, VA, as Yardcraft Division Officer. She then served as Base Administration Officer and later was dual-hatted as Family Service Center Director and Base Operations Support Officer.

In 1997 she became the Aide to the Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School, in Monterey, CA. She then served as Flag Secretary before becoming a student of Financial Management in 1998. In 2000, she participated in the first Thirtysomething Group established by the Undersecretary of the Navy for junior level executive education.

She then reported to Navy Recruiting District Portland, OR, as an Officer Recruiter and became the Officer Programs Officer until 2003. She received a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies in 2004 from Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL.

LCDR Kountz became the Executive Officer of Naval Station Pascagoula in November 2004.

Her personal decorations include the Navy Commendation medal (three awards) and Navy Achievement Medal.

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Naval Station Pascagoula

Command Master Chief

CMDMC(SW) Laurel M. Davis



Master Chief Laurel Davis is a 24-year veteran of the Navy, enlisting in 1981. After recruit training and basic electronics training, she attended Torpedoman's Mate "A" School, after which she was designated at Torpedoman's Mate Operator, and then later designated as a Torpedoman's Mate Technician. Shipboard assignments include two separate tours of duty aboard the USS Frank Cable (AS 40), homeported in Charleston, S.C., and then later in Agana, Guam; and a Command Master Chief tour aboard USS Paul F. Foster (DD 964), homeported in Everett, Wash.

Shore duty assignments include Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, Va.; Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; as an instructor at Service Schools Command, Orlando, Fla.; and as the Torpedoman's Mate subject-matter expert at the Naval Education and Training Program Management Support Activity, Pensacola, Fla.

She reported to her current assignment as Command Master Chief for Naval Station Pascagoula in January 2003.

If you have orders to Naval Station Pascagoula, and would like to contact the Command Master Chief, please call (228) 761-2005; DSN 358-2005.

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LAKESIDE SUPPORT FACILITY
(7-1/2 MI / 15 MIN DRIVE FROM NAVSTA)



HELO LANDING PAD



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(WED BRIEF WILL BE HERE)

HQ BLDG
(CONF ROOM ON 2ND DECK)

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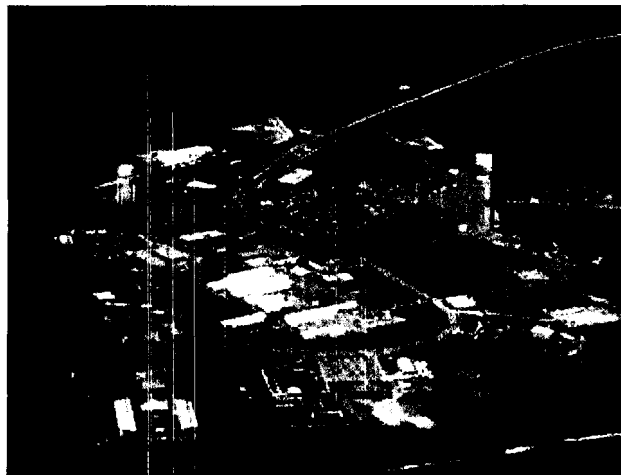
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Naval Station Pascagoula



Welcome

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Pascagoula is located on Singing River Island, which is located in the Mississippi Sound at the mouth of the Singing (née Pascagoula) River.

This 437-acre island is man-made, having been created over the years as dredge materials from the Pascagoula federal channel and nearby Ingalls Shipbuilding were deposited in the area. In the early 1980s Congress approved the strategic homeporting initiative to build additional bases and disperse the Fleet from the main concentration areas. Naval Station Pascagoula was created in 1985 when the Navy selected the Singing River Island location as one of the new Gulf Coast strategic homeport sites. Base construction began in 1988, and the station became an operational homeport of Perry Class guided-missile frigates in 1992 with the arrival of the first ship, USS Gallery (FFG 26).

NAVSTA Pascagoula's support mission has increased dramatically in subsequent years due to a variety of actions: the BRAC-93 realignment of ships and other units from closing or downsized bases; the reorganization of the Naval Surface Force, Atlantic, which homeported Ticonderoga-class AEGIS guided-missile cruisers in Pascagoula; and the relocation of both the Pascagoula Coast Guard Station and a Reliance Class (210') Coast Guard cutter to the naval station.

NAVSTA Pascagoula provides support not only to personnel stationed onboard the station and its homeported ships, but also to pre-commissioning crews of surface combatant ships that are being constructed at Ingalls Shipbuilding. In that regard, beginning in FY99 station assumed ownership and operating responsibility for the

"Lakeside" Naval Support Facility, which is located within the city of Pascagoula approximately 10 miles from the main base, which provides berthing primarily for the pre-commissioning crews. The base also provides support to the Navy community at large in a variety of ways, most notably through the Fleet and Family Support Center, the Housing Referral Office, and the Morale Welfare and Recreation Department.

NAVSTA Pascagoula currently supports approximately 2,000 active duty military, including those assigned to ships and tenant commands on the station. It employs more than 200 civilian workers; supports 4,100 family members of active duty military; approximately 850 reservists who live in Jackson County; and approximately 4,000 Jackson County retirees and their family members. Total annual economic impact is estimated at \$100 million, which includes payrolls, contracts, goods and services.

Waterfront support infrastructure at NAVSTA Pascagoula includes a 680-foot double-deck pier (utilities on lower deck; upper deck free for operational support), two quayside berths, and the full range of services for "cold iron" support of homeported and visiting ships. Ship maintenance and repair support is available from the Navy's Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA), or by contract (there are 17 major shipyards/marine contractors located along the Gulf Coast between New Orleans, La., and Panama City, Fla.).

NAVSTA Pascagoula epitomizes the "clean sheet" design for a modern naval station, and is a model of environmental responsibility. The men and women stationed here live throughout the surrounding communities where they participate with their neighbors in all facets of community life – religious, social and civic. The Mississippi Gulf Coast has a long tradition of supporting our nation's defense, and NAVSTA Pascagoula is proud to serve alongside.

Tenant commands at NAVSTA Pascagoula include the Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, Pascagoula; Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX; U.S. Coast Guard Station Pascagoula; Branch Medical Clinic; Branch Dental Clinic; Combatant Homeport Engineering Team; Multiple Unit Tactical Training System; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Jacksonville Detachment; Public Works Center Pensacola (Fla.) Detachment; Navy Exchange; and Navy College Office.

Naval Station Departments

Administrative Department

Chaplains' Office

Fleet and Family Support Center

◆ Housing Office ◆

Information Systems Department

Legal Office

◆ *Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department* ◆

Navy College Office

Port Operations

Public Works Department

◆ *Security Department* ◆

Supply Department/Billeting Information

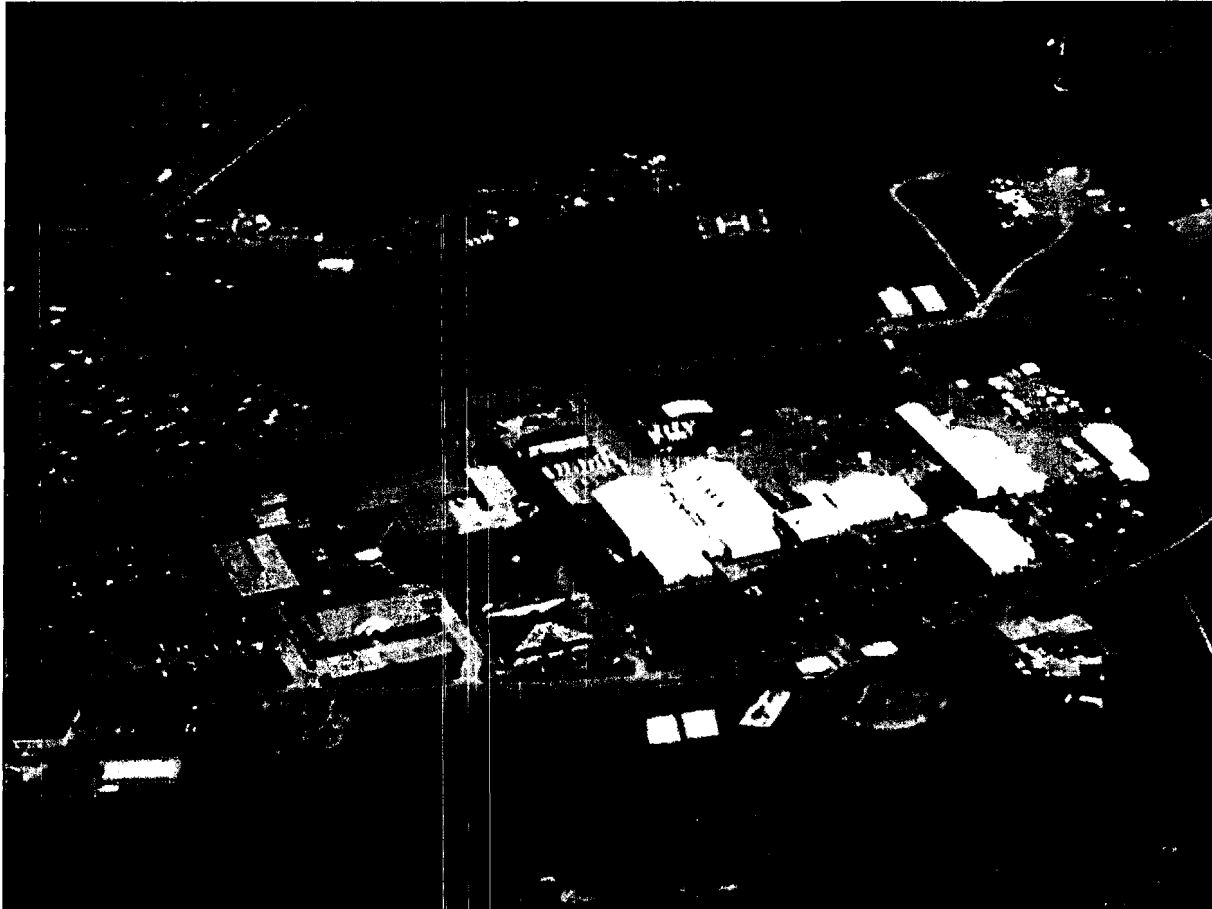
Weapons Department

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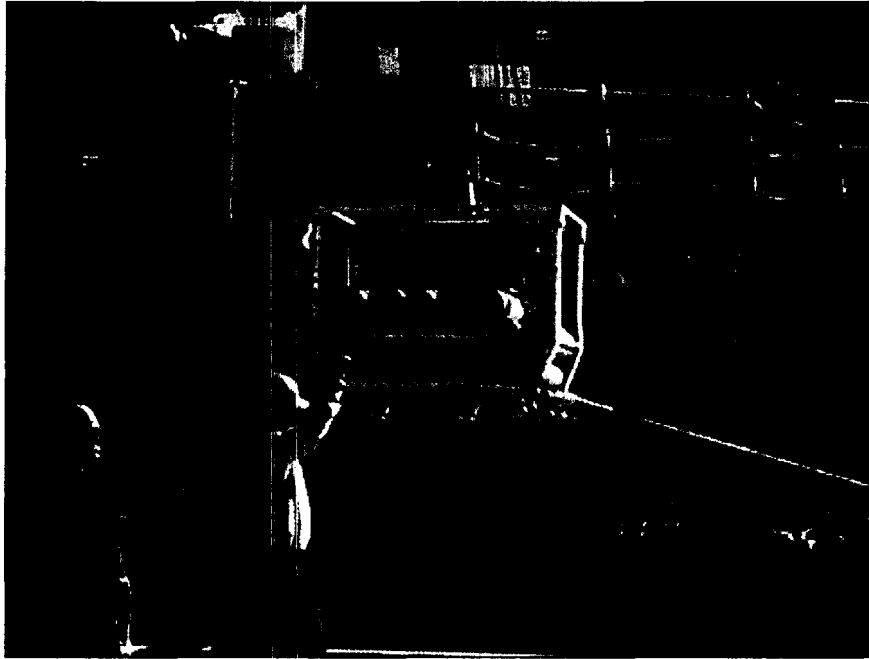
Public Works Department

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Weapons Department

Naval Station Pascagoula



Weapons Department


The mission of the Weapons Department is to "conduct receipt, storage, segregation and issue (RSSI) operations to support the non-combat expenditure allocation requirements for six homeported ships, as well as new construction, overhaul and PSA ships at Ingalls Shipyard, as well as one U.S. Coast Guard cutter, and U.S. Coast Guard Station Pascagoula."

The Naval Station Pascagoula Weapons Department is responsible for maintaining three weapons magazines for storage of various weapons and supports the weapon requirements of the station's homeported ships (three cruisers, two frigates and one Coast Guard cutter).

Additionally, the weapons department supports all weapons requirements for any precommissioning units at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, and supports Naval Station personnel with small arms, training ammunition and range safety officers to ensure firing range safety.

Departmental personnel include 10 military and one civilian (GS-9).

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Navy Branch Health Clinic Pascagoula provides primary medical care to active duty, retirees, dependents and civil servants. There is no after hours medical care at the clinic. Naval Station's Fire Department provides 24-hour first responder service for emergencies onboard Naval Station Pascagoula.

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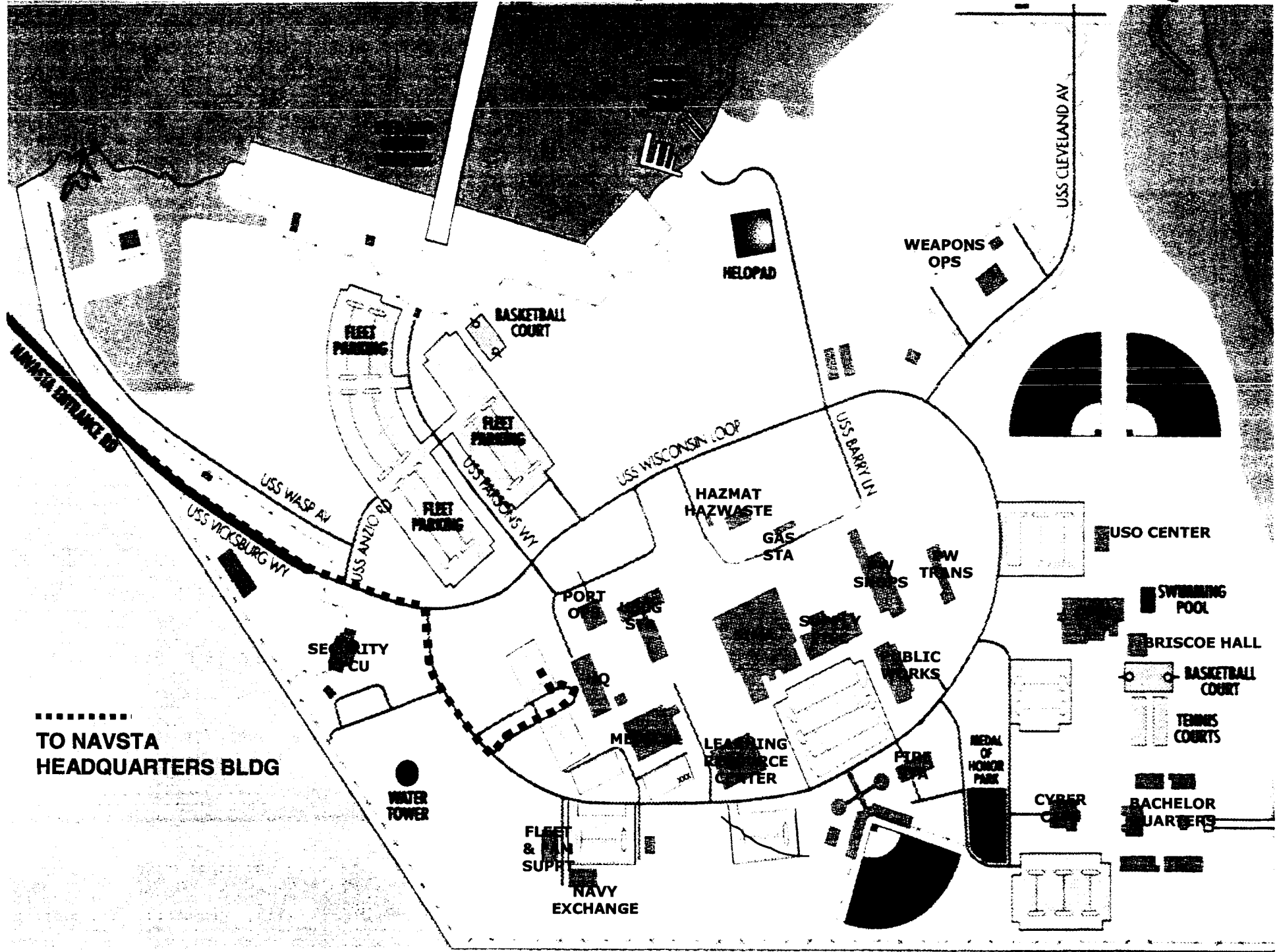
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Destroyer Squadron 28 (Naval Reserve Force) was Commissioned in Newport, Rhode Island on 1 December 1971 and was comprised of ten Naval Reserve Force destroyers. It was redesignated Surface Squadron Two on 01 June 1980, when Regular Navy Ships began to return to Newport. On 24 November 1981, the Chief of Naval Operations established Commander, Naval Surface Group FOUR. The new command assimilated all elements of SURFRON TWO, the Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activities, and Atlantic Fleet Engineering Training Scholarship at Newport. In February 1993, Commander, Naval Surface Group FOUR was redesignated as Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX. The squadron consisted of seven Naval Reserve Force ships in three homeports: Norfolk, VA; Mayport, FL; and Pensacola, FL.

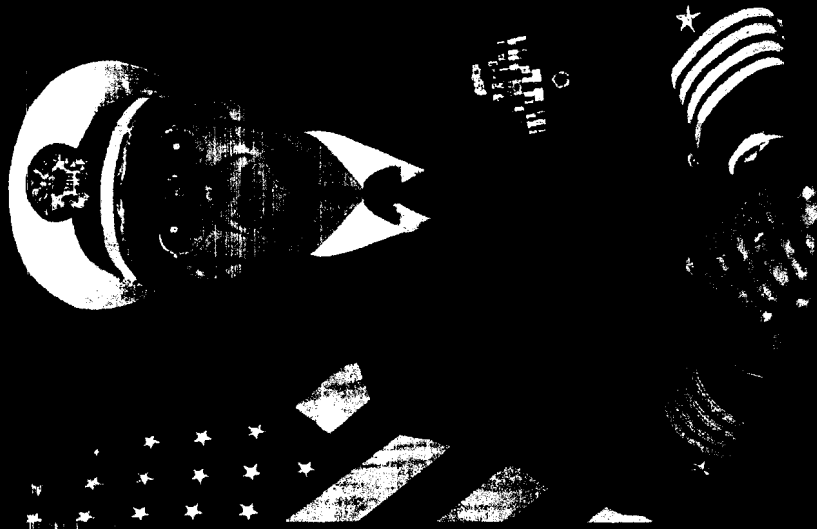
In April 1994, Commander, Destroyer Squadron SIX changed homeport to Pascagoula, Mississippi and subsequently was dual hatted as Commander, Naval Surface Group Pascagoula. In January 1996, as a result of Atlantic Fleet Reorganization, Commander, Naval Surface Group Pascagoula was renamed Commander, Regional Support Group Pascagoula.

In April of 1998, as the result of another Atlantic Fleet Reorganization, COMDESRON SIX shifted operational control to Commander, Western Hemisphere Group, and was redesignated as a Tactical Squadron.

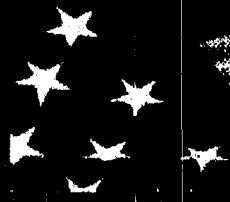
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The mission of COMDESRON SIX is to put combat ready ships to sea in support of Fleet operations.

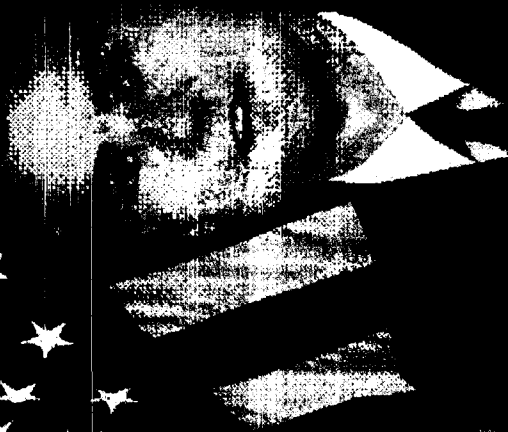
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USS JOHN L HALL

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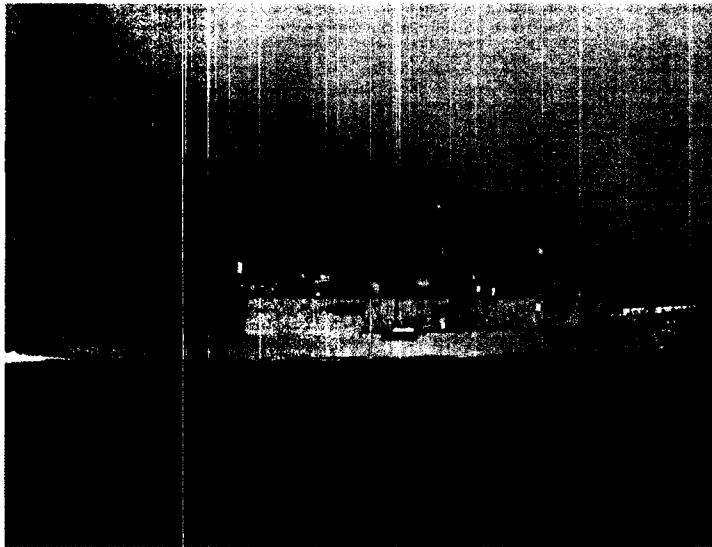
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USS JOHN L. HALL is one of the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile frigates and the eleventh ship in that class built by Bath Iron Works in Maine.

Awarded: January 23, 1978

Keel laid: January 5, 1981

Launched: July 24, 1981

Commissioned: June 26, 1982

Builder: Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine

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Tornado Returns --

The Coast Guard Cutter Tornado returned to Naval Station Pascagoula Apr. 29 after a five-week patrol in the Caribbean. In three separate cases, Tornado's crew interdicted a total of 98 migrants who were attempting to illegally enter Puerto Rico. The Tornado also delivered 86 bales of cocaine, weighing more than 5,100 pounds, and six suspected drug smugglers to U. S. law enforcement



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CDR Joseph J. Leonard
United States Navy

Commander Joe Leonard is a native of New Jersey and in 1986 he received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy. His graduate degrees include a Master of Science in Technology Management from the University of Maryland and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College.

Commander Leonard's sea assignments include Communications Officer, and Damage Control Assistant aboard the amphibious Tank LST SAGINAW (LST 1188) from January 1987 to August 1989; Combat Patrol Combatant - Missile (Hydrofoil) USS HERCULES (PHM 2) from April 1991; Combat Systems Officer in Destroyer USS NICHOLSON (DDG 57) from October 1994 to April 1997; Senior Tomahawk Cruise Missile Planning Commander, United States Sixth Fleet in Gaeta, Italy embarked in the Ship USS LASALLE (AFG 3) from April 1997 to August 1999, and Executive Officer of Destroyer USS STUMP (DD 978) from October 2000 to November 2001.

He has been deployed to the North Atlantic, Baltic Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, Red Sea, Arabian Sea, Arabian Gulf, Indian Ocean, and Caribbean Sea through the Kiel Canal and Suez Canal (multiple transits). CDR Leonard has participated in Counter Drug Operations in the Western Atlantic and Caribbean; Southern Watch and Maritime Interception Operations, enforcing UN sanctions against Iraq in the Arabian Gulf; Joint Task Force Silver Shield combatant evacuation of Americans and third country nationals from Kuwait; Operation Joint Endeavor, the employment of Navy and Marine security forces in support of NATO peacekeeping in the Balkans; Operation Nimble Lion (CJTF JFACC), the initial U.S. and NATO mission in support of air strikes into the Former Republic of Yugoslavia; Flexible Anvil, USN/USAF cruise missile strike planning in support of operations against the Former Republic of Yugoslavia; Joint Task Force Noble Anvil and Operation Enduring Freedom, U.S. and NATO air strikes into the Former Republic of Yugoslavia; and Operation Enduring Freedom, the liberation of Iraq.

CDR Leonard's shore assignments include duty at the United States Naval Command, Joint Experimentation (J9) Directorate from March 2002 to present; an Instructor of Seamanship and Navigation at the United States Naval Academy from May 1991 to January 1994. He is also a graduate of the Joint Forces Staff College.

CDR Leonard's personal decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, I. Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with three bars.

and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars in addition to several other citations and campaign awards. In 1990, he received the Commander, Naval Air Station, Norfolk's Award for the Junior Officer "Shiphandler of the Year".

USS THOMAS S. GATES (CG-51)

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LCDR Nick A. Sarap

United States Navy

Lieutenant Commander Nick A. Sarap Jr. was born April 26, 1968 in Richmond VA. After graduating from Rosecrans High School 1986 of Zanesville OH, he attended Bethany College in West Virginia and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1991. He was then commissioned an Ensign through Officer Candidate School Newport Rhode Island in 1992. Following commissioning he entered the Surface Warfare Officer Pipeline and also received Radiation Health training in Groton Connecticut.

Ensign Sarap then reported aboard USS PUGET SOUND (CG-38) in July 1992 as the Radiation Health/Safety Officer until December 1994. He then attended advanced Gas Turbine Engineering school in early 1995 in Newport RI. Upon completion of the Gas Turbine training he reported aboard USS KIDD (DDG-9) where he served as the Electrical Officer and later First Lieutenant until December 1996. During both tours he made three deployments in the Mediterranean and one Counter Narcotic deployment in the Eastern Pacific.

He then earned a Masters of Science Degree in Physical Oceanography in March 1999 from the Naval Postgraduate School Monterey, CA. From October 1999 until April 2001, LT Sarap served as Chief Engineer onboard USS THORN (DD-988). On July 27, 2001 he assumed command of USS FIREBOLT (PC-10) and departed April 2003 after taking part in Operation Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Upon completion of the U.S. Naval War College, where he earned a Masters of Arts in Strategic Studies, LCDR Sarap left to serve as the Executive Officer of the USS THOMAS S. GATES (CG-51).

Lieutenant Commander Sarap's awards include the N.

Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Commendation Medal (3), Navy and Marine Corps achievement Medal, in addition various campaign and unit awards.

Lieutenant Commander Sarap is married to the former Alexan Schmitt of Bogota, Colombia and has a two year old son named Tristan.

USS THOMAS S. GATES (CG-51)

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during this deployment were Oslo, Norway; Helsinki, Finland; Poland; Rotterdam, Netherlands; Leithe, Scotland; Plymouth, France; Santander, Spain.

USS Thomas S. Gates left its homeport at Naval Station Pascagoula, Mississippi on a five-month deployment March 10, 2004. The deployment includes counter-narcotics and a circumnavigation of the South Atlantic seaboard; escorting the nation's newest carrier, USS Zumwalt (DDG-105), to its new homeport in San Diego; and international exercises with the Eastern Seaboard tour will include a visit to New London, Connecticut; Philadelphia, Pa., where Gates was commissioned; and Annapolis, Md., home of the U.S. Naval Academy, where Gates will see a graduation ceremony.

Gates was selected to escort Reagan on her maiden voyage to the Eastern Seaboard. Reagan is the ninth aircraft carrier of the nuclear fleet. Reagan's escort duties included a visit to Uruguay, Peru, Chile and a port call in South America, one of the most hazardous and legendary ports in the world.

Gates returned in early August 2004.

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Summary of Scenario Environmental Impacts

DON scenario, DON-0002R

Action 1: Close all base operations at Naval Station Pascagoula, MS.

Action 2: Relocate 2 FFGs to Naval Station Mayport, FL, to include required personnel, equipment, and support.

Action 3: Consolidate SIMA Pascagoula, MS, with SIMA Mayport, FL.

Action 4: Consolidate FISC Jacksonville, FL, function FISC Jacksonville DET Pascagoula, MS with FISC Jacksonville, FL.

Action 5: Disestablish NAVDENCEN Gulf Coast Pensacola, FL, function Branch Dental Clinic NS Pascagoula, MS.

Action 6: Disestablish NAVHOSP Pensacola, FL, function Branch Medical Activity Pascagoula, MS.

General Environmental Impacts

Environmental Resource Area	NAVSTA Pascagoula (Installation Closed)	NAVSTA Mayport (Installation Gaining Functions)
Air Quality	Installation is in attainment for all criteria pollutants.	Installation is in Maintenance for 1-Hour Ozone. Conformity Determination is not required.
Cultural/Archeological/Tribal Resources	No impact.	No impacts expected.
Dredging	Elimination of dredging requirement.	No impact.
Land Use Constraints/Sensitive Resource Areas	437 total acres.	Installation reports having 158 unconstrained acres out of a total of 3587 acres. Mayport does not expect an impact due to the addition of 2 FFGs.
Marine Mammals/Marine Resources/ Marine Sanctuaries	No impact.	Installation is currently impacted by laws & regulations pertaining to

		MMPA, which may impact ship ops in the surrounding area, however current ops covered by a biological opinion. Under current consult requirements, it appears at this time that no further consultation will be required to implement this scenario.
Noise	No impact.	Noise contours extent off base. Of the 993 acres off base, 64 acres have incompatible land uses. Scenario will not impact existing noise concerns.
Threatened& Endangered Species/Critical Habitat	Installation has TES. No impact in closure.	Installation has TES, but additional ops will not impact existing situation.
Waste Management	No impact.	Installation has a permitted TSD. No impacts.
Water Resources	No impact.	Increases Water Usage. Installation discharges to impaired waterway. Installation has groundwater permits. No impacts.
Wetlands	Installation has 34% of total acres restricted by wetlands.	Installation has 63% wetland restricted acres on base. New mission will not impact wetlands.

Impacts of Costs

Selection Criterion 8 Environmental Points	NAVSTA Pascagoula (Closed)	NAVSTA Mayport (Gaining Function)
Environmental Restoration	No DERA costs.	Installation has spent \$16.5M through FY03 for environmental restoration. Estimated CTC is \$13.1M.
Waste Management	None.	None.
Environmental Compliance	None.	\$20K for Air Permit for Paint/Blast Booth

No Criterion 8 impacts with regard to Actions #4-6.



Recommended Mississippi E...e Realignments and Closures



NS Pascagoula Statistics

Total Acres: 529	Total Personnel: 2,943
Acres Owned: 529	Mil: 2,522
	Civ: 421
	Other: 0





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Naval Station Pascagoula, MS

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Economic Impact Report

This report depicts the economic impact of the following Scenarios:

DON-0002: Pascagoula to Mayport

The data in this report is rolled up by Region of Influence

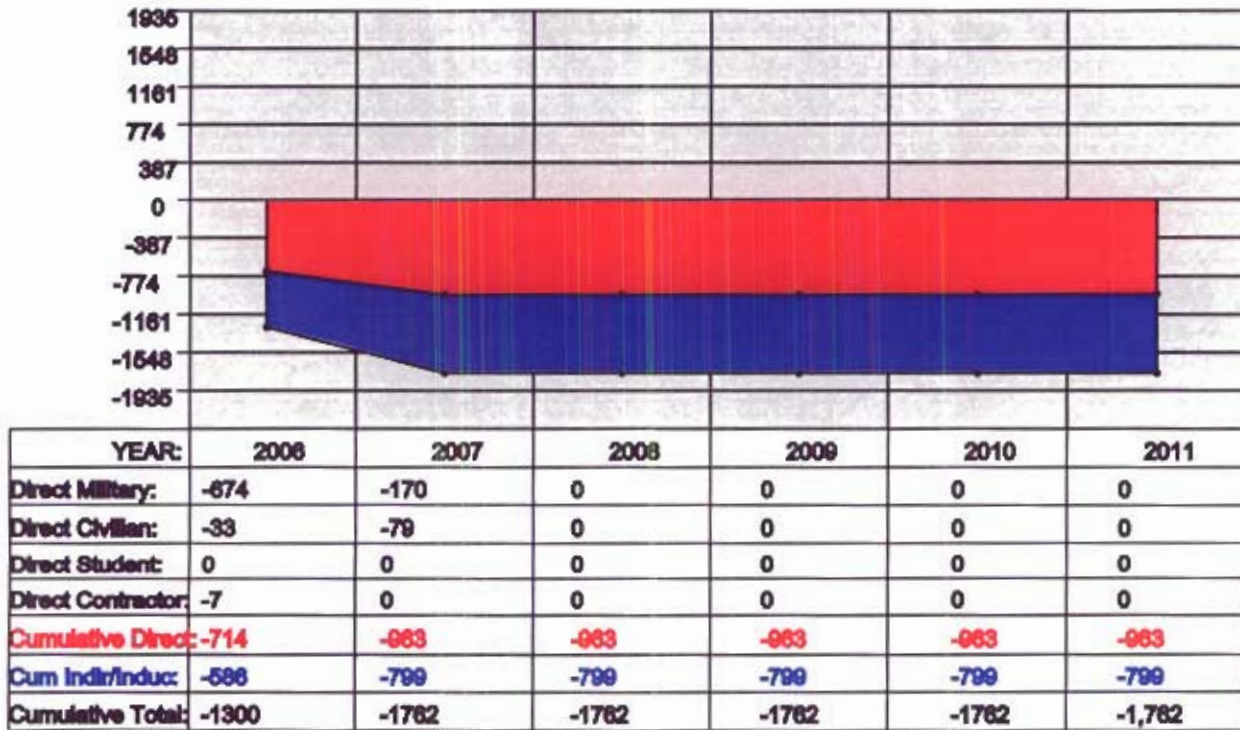
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Scenario: All Selected (see title page)
 Economic Region of Influence(ROI): Pascagoula, MS Metropolitan Statistical Area
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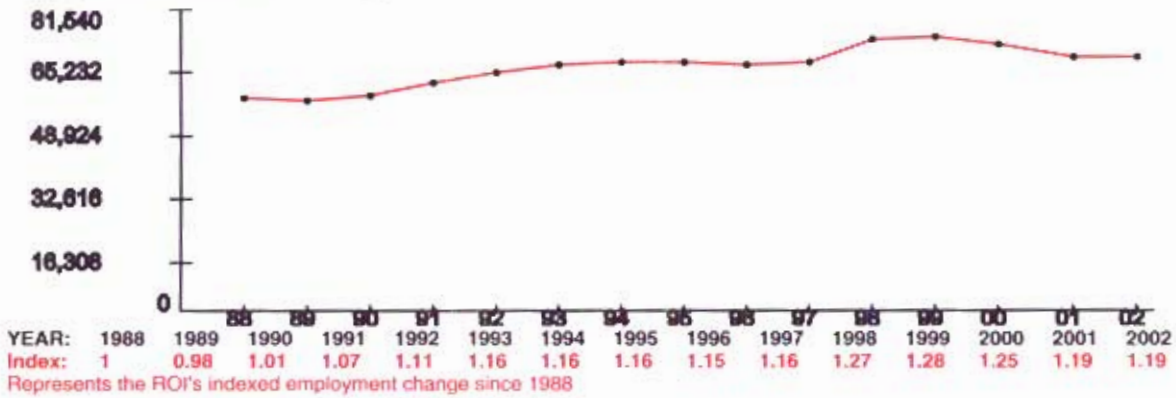
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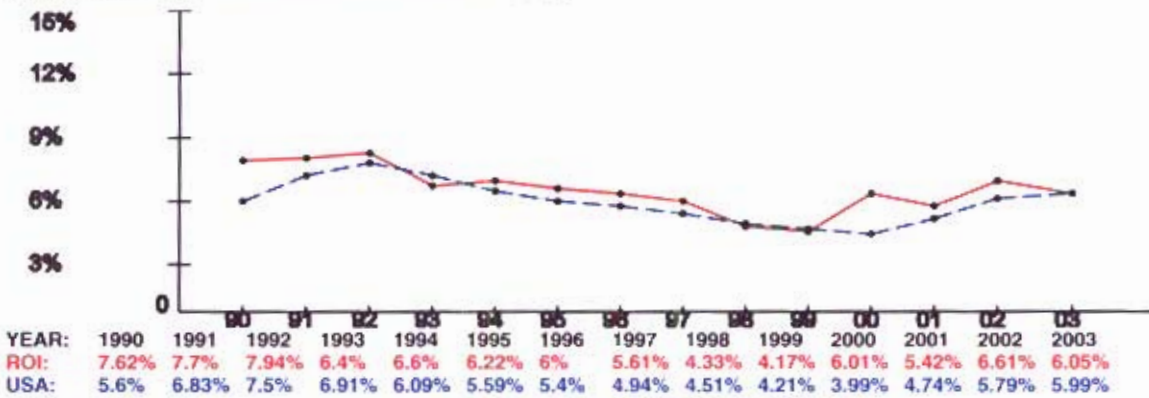
YEAR:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Direct Military:	-674	-170	0	0	0	0
Direct Civilian:	-33	-79	0	0	0	0
Direct Student:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Contractor:	-7	0	0	0	0	0
Cumulative Direct:	-714	-963	-963	-963	-963	-963
Cum Indir/Induc:	-586	-799	-799	-799	-799	-799
Cumulative Total:	-1300	-1762	-1762	-1762	-1762	-1,762

Pascagoula, MS Metropolitan Statistical Area Trend Data

Employment Trend (1988-2002)



Unemployment Percentage Trend (1990-2003)

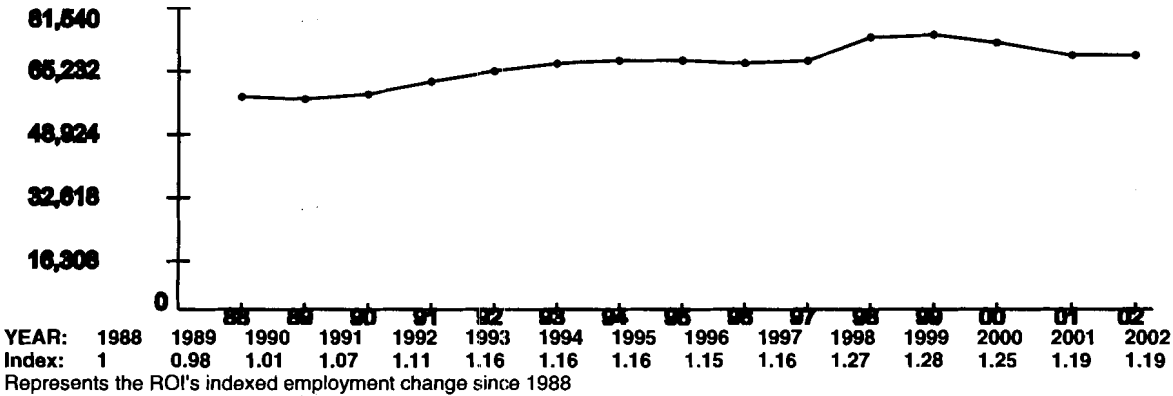


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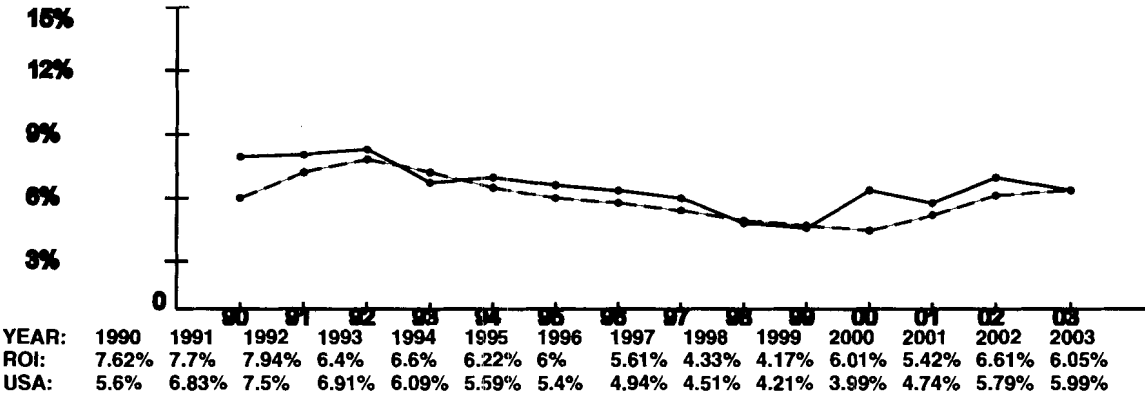


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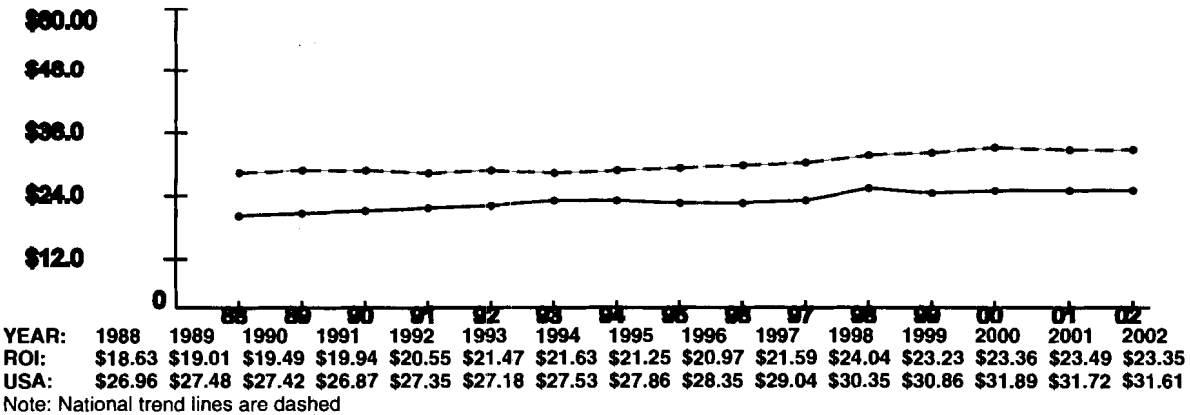
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NAVSTA_PASCAGOULA_MS, MS

Demographics

The following tables provide a short description of the area near the installation/activity.

NAVSTA_PASCAGOULA_MS is 40 miles from Mobile, AL, the nearest city with a population of 100,000 or more. The nearest metropolitan statistical area (MSA) is

MSA	Population
Biloxi-Gulfport-Pascagoula, MS MSA	363,988

The following entities comprise the military housing area (MHA):

County/City	Population
Jackson	131420
Total	131,420

Child Care

This attribute captures the number of nationally accredited child-care centers within the local community: 2

Cost of Living

Cost of Living provides a relative measure of cost of living in the local community. General Schedule (GS) Locality pay provides a relative scale to compare local salaries with government salaries and Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) is an indicator of the local rental market. In-state tuition is an indicator of the support provided by the state for active duty family members to participate in higher-level education opportunities. For median household income and house value, the basis of the data (either MSA or number of counties in the MHA or the county of the installation) is indicated.

Median Household Income	(US Avg \$41,994)	\$36,662	Basis: MSA
Median House Value	(US Avg \$119,600)	\$85,200	
GS Locality Pay	("Rest of US" 10.9%)	10.9%	
O-3 with Dependents BAH Rate		\$ 927	
In-state Tuition for Family Member		Yes	
In-state Tuition Continues if Member PCSs Out of State		No	

Education

This attribute defines the population in local school districts and identifies capacity. The pupil/teacher ratio, graduation rate, and composite SAT I/ACT scores provide a relative quality indicator of education. This attribute also attempts to give communities credit for the potential intellectual capital they provide.

NOTE: "MFR"--means a Memorandum For Record is on file at the installation/activity/agency to document problems in obtaining the required information. Reasons for not being able to obtain information may be that the school district refused to provide the information or the school district does not use or track the information. For

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each entry, the number of school districts for which data are available of the total number of school districts reported, and the number of MFRs is indicated.

		Basis
School District(s) Capacity	30,866	4 of 4 districts
Students Enrolled	25,136	4 of 4 districts
Average Pupil/Teacher Ratio	15.4:1	4 of 4 districts
High School Students Enrolled	6,991	4 of 4 districts
Average High School Graduation Rate (US Avg 67.3%)	78.9%	4 of 4 districts
Average Composite SAT I Score (US Avg 1026)		0 of 4 districts, 4 MFRs
Average ACT Score (US Avg 20.8)	20	4 of 4 districts
Available Graduate/PhD Programs	1	
Available Colleges and/or Universities	2	
Available Vocational and/or Technical Schools	4	

Employment

Unemployment and job growth rates provide an indicator of job availability in the local community. National rates from the Bureau of Labor Statistics are also provided. For each entry, the basis of the data (either MSA or number of counties in the MHA or the county of the installation) is indicated.

The unemployment rates for the last five years:

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Local Data	3.7%	4.6%	4.1%	5.5%	4.8%
National	4.2%	4.0%	4.7%	5.8%	6.0%
Basis:	MSA	MSA	MSA	MSA	MSA

The annual job growth rate for the last five-years:

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Local Data	3.9%	3.1%	-2.8%	-3.7%	2.7%
National	1.5%	2.4%	.03%	-.31%	.86%
Basis:	MSA	MSA	MSA	MSA	MSA

Housing

This attribute provides an indication of availability of housing, both sales and rental, in the local community. Note: According to the 2000 Census, Vacant Sale and Vacant Rental Units do not equal total Vacant Housing Units. Vacant housing units may also include units that are vacant but not on the market for sale or rent. For each entry, the basis of the data (either MSA or number of counties in the MHA or the county of the installation) is indicated.

Total Vacant Housing Units	16,275	Basis: MSA
Vacant Sale Units	1,913	

Vacant Rental Units	5,092	
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Medical Providers

This attribute provides an indicator of availability of medical care for military and DoD civilians in the local community. The table reflects the raw number of physicians/beds and ratio of physicians/beds to population. The basis of the data (either MSA or number of counties in the MHA or the county of the installation) is indicated.

	# Physicians	# Beds	Population	
Local Community	765	1,380	363,988	Basis: MSA
Ratio	1:476	1:264		
National Ratio (2003)	1:421.2	1:373.7		

Safety/Crime

The local community's Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) Index for 2002 per 100,000 people and the national UCR based on information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for 2002 is provided. The basis of the data (either MSA or state) is indicated.

Local UCR	5,682.5	Basis: MSA
National UCR	4,118.8	

Transportation

Distance to an airport shows convenience and availability of airline transportation. Public transportation shows potential for members and DoD civilians to use it to commute to/from work under normal circumstances and for leisure.

Distance from NAVSTA_PASCAGOULA_MS to nearest commercial airport: 32.0 miles

Is NAVSTA_PASCAGOULA_MS served by regularly scheduled public transportation? No

Utilities

This attribute identifies a local community's water and sewer systems' ability to receive 1,000 additional people.

Does the local community's water system have the ability to meet an expanded need of an additional 1,000 people moving in the local community? Yes

Does the local community's sewer system have the ability to meet an expanded need of an additional 1,000 people moving in the local community? Yes

PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**Jackson County**Prepared by the Mississippi Development Authority
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POPULATION

Population:	1990	1995	2000	2001	2010
Pascagoula	25,877	28,325	26,200	NA	NA
Jackson County	115,144	128,085	131,420	132,823	156,628

Most populated cities in Jackson County:

City	2000 Population
Pascagoula	26,200
Ocean Springs	17,225
Moss Point	15,851
Gautier	11,681

Age breakdown of county population, 2000:

0 to 17	27.7 %
18 to 24	9.3 %
25 to 44	29.8 %
45 to 64	22.9 %
65 and over	10.3 %

Median age of county population, 2000: 34.7

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Census of Population, 1980, 1990, and 2000 (12/01), 2001 Population Estimates (04/02).

LOCATION**Distance to selected cities from Pascagoula:**

Area	Distance	
Atlanta, Georgia	355 miles	573 kilometers
Chicago, Illinois	925 miles	1,492 kilometers
Dallas, Texas	573 miles	924 kilometers
Jackson, Mississippi	184 miles	297 kilometers
Memphis, Tennessee	380 miles	613 kilometers
New Orleans, Louisiana	106 miles	171 kilometers

Source: Official Mississippi Highway Map; unpublished data collected by MDA.

LABOR UNIONS

Information on labor union activity in Mississippi can be obtained by calling MDA at 601-359-3449.

WAGES**Annual Average, 2000*:****Manufacturing**

Jackson County	\$785/week	\$19.63/hour
Mississippi	\$548/week	\$13.70/hour
United States	\$861/week	\$21.53/hour

Services

Jackson County	\$534/week	\$13.35/hour
Mississippi	\$464/week	\$11.60/hour
United States	\$647/week	\$16.18/hour

*All rates include management personnel.

Source: County data-Mississippi Employment Security Commission, 2000 Covered Employment and Wages (10/01); Mississippi and U.S. data-U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2000 Annual Average.

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average, 2001:	Jackson County	Commuting Area*
Labor Force	70,610	371,665
Male Percentage	56%	
Female Percentage	44%	
Total Employment	67,220	351,953
Manufacturing	22,670	
Services & Misc.	6,710	
Total Unemployed	3,390	19,712
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	5.3%
U.S.	4.8%	
Mississippi	5.5%	

12 Month Moving Average, June 2002:

Labor Force	71,090
Total Employment	67,030
Total Unemployed	4,060
Unemployment Rate	5.7%

*Commuting area includes all contiguous counties in Mississippi and neighboring states.

Source: Mississippi Employment Security Commission 2001 LMI for Affirmative Action (03/02), 2001 Annual Averages (04/02), and June 2002 Running Averages (07/02), 2001 Annual Average data from neighboring states.

RETAIL SALES

Gross Retail Sales (in millions):

	1990	1995	2001
Pascagoula	\$ 269	\$ 351	\$ 434
Jackson County	\$ 674	\$ 915	\$ 1,288

Source: State Tax Commission, Annual Report, Fiscal Years Ending June 1990, 1995, 2001 (12/01).

INCOME

Per Capita Personal Income:

	1990	1995	2000
Jackson County	\$14,302	\$18,377	\$22,292

Earnings, Jackson County:

Earnings by Place of Work, 2000 \$2,104,426,000

Sources of Earnings by Place of Work, 2000:

Manufacturing	38.2%
Services	16.4%
Wholesale Trade	1.1%
Retail Trade	7.5%
Government	20.9%
Construction	11.0%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	2.4%
Transportation, Public Utilities	1.8%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2000 Data (05/02).

ASSESSED VALUE

Grand Total Ad Valorem Assessment (in millions):

	1995	1997	2000
Jackson County	\$ 697	\$ 768	\$ 923

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 1995 through 2000 (12/01).

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks based in Pascagoula 2

Banks with one or more branches in 3

Source: Mississippi Banker's Association, Mississippi Bank Directory, 2002-2003 Edition (08/02).

EDUCATION

For detailed information on education in Jackson county and Mississippi, request an Education Profile. Education Profiles are prepared for all Mississippi counties and may be obtained by calling 601-359-3593, or online at www.mississippi.org.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways in Pascagoula:

MS 63, MS 611, MS 613

US 90

I-10

Railroads in Pascagoula:

CSX System, Mississippi Export

Air Travel in Pascagoula:

Nearest Commercial Airport and its location:

Bates Field, Mobile, AL

Distance (miles) 39

Length of runway 8,500 feet/2,591 meters

Number of daily outgoing flights 25

Major airlines serving the airport:

Delta, Northwest Airlin, American West, Continental Express

Nearest general aviation airport and its location:

Trent Lott International, Moss Point

Distance (miles) 7

Length of runway 6,500 feet/1,982 meters

Common carriers operating in Pascagoula 20

Pascagoula's nearest full-service port:

Port of Pascagoula

Post Office Box 70

Pascagoua, MS 39568

228-762-4041

Distance from Pascagoula Local

Name of waterway Gulf of Mexico

Channel depth 38 feet/12 meters

Source: Mississippi Department of Transportation; Mississippi Port Authorities; unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

HEALTH CARE

Hospitals in Jackson County 2

Number of beds 551

Source: Mississippi Department of Health, Directory of Mississippi Health Facilities, 2002 (07/02).

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Electricity distributor(s) in Pascagoula:

Mississippi Power Company, Singing River EPA

Water/sewage service in Pascagoula:

Utility name	City of Pascagoula
Source	Wells
System capacity	8,000,000 gallons per day 30,303 kiloliters per day
Average consumption	3,800,000 gallons per day 14,394 kiloliters per day
Peak consumption	3,857,000 gallons per day 14,610 kiloliters per day
Storage capacity	3,200,000 gallons 12,121 kiloliters
Sanitary sewer capacity	8,500,000 gallons 32,197 kiloliters
Sewer treatment type	Complete mix-activated sludge
Percent of community served	100
Present load	75%

Natural gas distributor(s) in Pascagoula:

City of Pascagoula

Source: Unpublished data collected by MDA, 2001.

COUNTY FEATURES

County Seat(s) Pascagoula

Land area 731 square miles/1,893 square kilometers

County land area in commercial forests 72%

National Parks/Historic Landmarks:

Gulf Islands National Seashore

DeSoto National Forest

State Parks:

Shepard

Tourism related information Call 1-800-WARMEST

Source: Mississippi Elected Officials Directory; Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning; unpublished data collected by MDA.

LARGEST MANUFACTURERS IN JACKSON COUNTY

Manufacturing	Employees	Type of Business
Northrop Grumman Ship Systems/Ingalls	12,250	New construction of self-propelled ships, U.S. military
Chevron Products Co.	1,200	Petroleum refining
Signal International, LLC	650	Ship repair, nonmilitary
VT Halter Marine, Inc.-Pascagoula	440	Ship building and repairing
Mississippi Phosphates Corp.	220	Superphosphate and other phosphatic fertilizer materials

Source: Mississippi Manufacturers' Database, MDA, June 2005.

FIRE INSURANCE RATING

Pascagoula Class 6

Source: Mississippi State Rating Bureau, August 2002.

COST OF HOUSING

Average Selling Price of Homes, 1998:

MAR, Jackson County area	\$69,991
Mississippi	\$92,303

Source: Mississippi Association of Realtors (MAR) and/or Warren County Realtors Association, 1999.

PROPERTY TAX

Average county millage 125.71

Property tax- Counties and municipalities levy a property tax on real and personal tangible property. Most property is assessed at 15% of true value. Motor vehicles and utilities (excluding railroads) are assessed at 30% and owner-occupied residential properties are assessed at 10% of true value.

To calculate annual property tax:

$$\text{Tax} = (V \times A \times M) / 1000$$

V = property value (\$), A = assessment percentage (%),

M = millage rate

Example: Home value \$69,991 millage rate 126.97

$$(\$69,991 \times 10\% \times 126.97) / 1,000 = \$888.68$$

Source: Mississippi State Tax Commission, 2001-2002 (02/02).

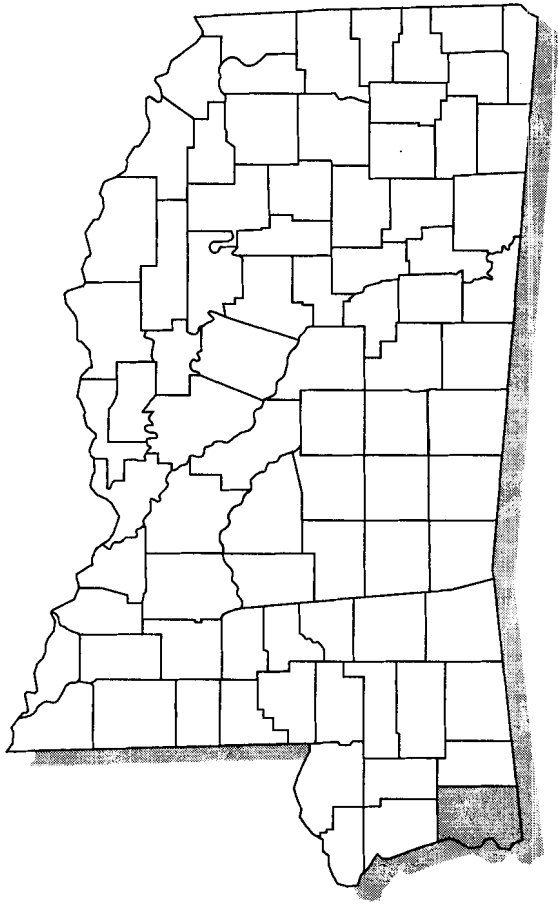
CONSTRUCTION COSTS

R.S. Means Location Factors for construction costs are available for ten Mississippi locations:

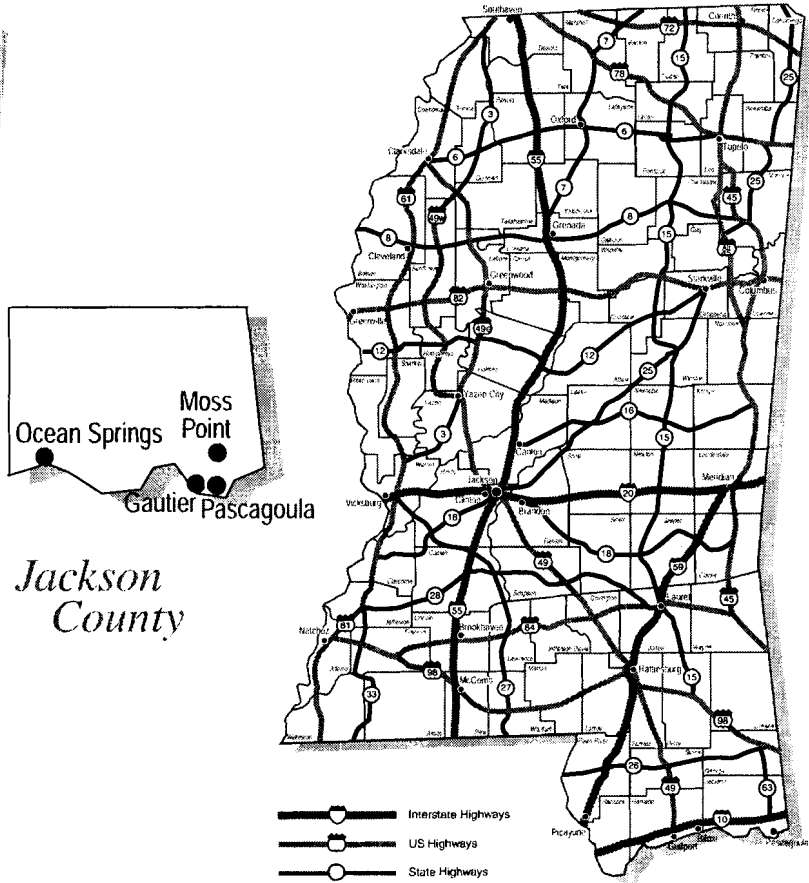
	Residential	Commercial
Biloxi	0.84	0.80
Clarksdale	0.70	0.66
Columbus	0.70	0.71
Greenville	0.80	0.77
Greenwood	0.72	0.68
Jackson	0.80	0.76
Laurel	0.72	0.69
McComb	0.72	0.70
Meridian	0.76	0.75
Tupelo	0.71	0.71
United States Average	1.00	1.00

Source: R.S. Means Company, Inc., Square Foot Costs-Location Factors for Mississippi, 2002 (08/02).

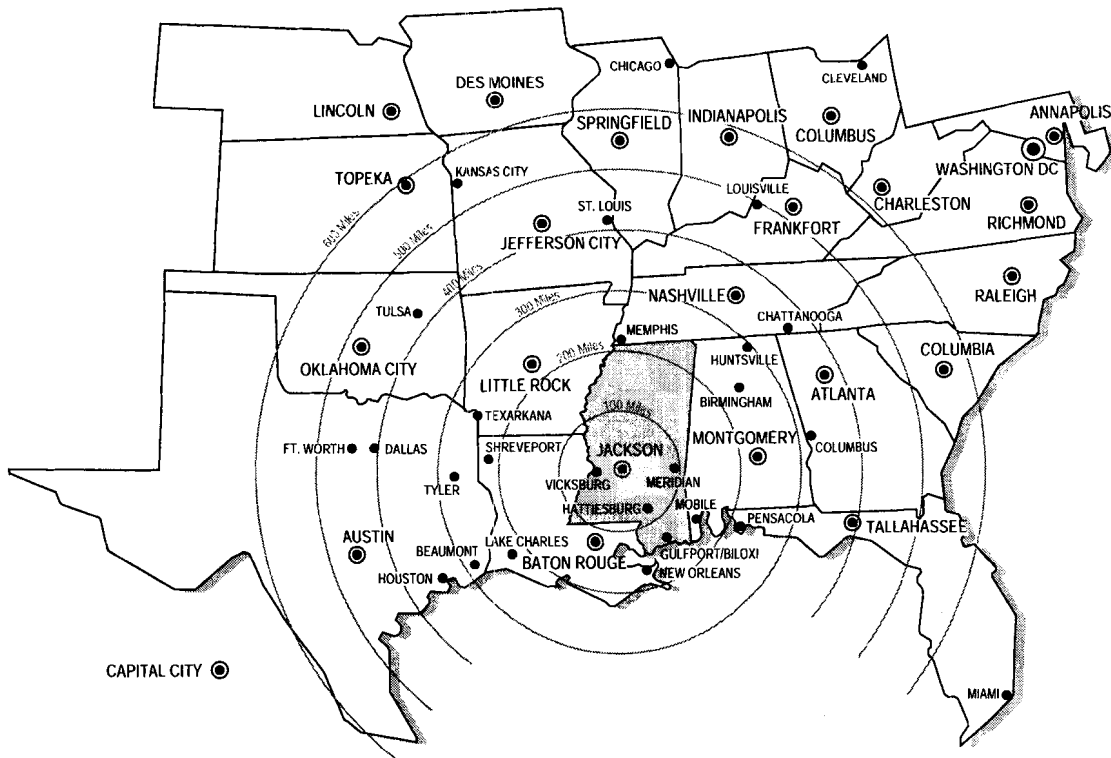
County Location



Federal/State Highways



Regional Map



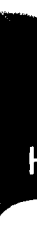


BRAC HISTORY

Mississippi

Base Closures and Realignment
(1988, 1991, 1993, and 1995)

NONE



MISSISSIPPI DODGES BRAC'S BULLETS

5/20/05

Author: Senator Trent Lott

May 20th, 2005 -

Mississippi dodged some big bullets last week when the Pentagon identified those military installations it recommends be closed or realigned. Mississippi's Congressional delegation will work to preserve Naval Station Pascagoula and Meridian's 186th Air National Guard unit as well as the other Mississippi military assets threatened.

I've long predicted this Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) round will be as much about military base realignment as about closure, and this is the case. I didn't believe the military could afford to close valuable training bases like Naval Air Station Meridian or Columbus Air Force Base. In fact, when the Pentagon proposals came out on May 13, we learned that Columbus AFB actually will pick up personnel and missions, while Meridian NAS will continue training naval aviators. These are first class, multi-mission bases vital to the War on Terror, and I'm pleased the Pentagon reaffirmed their value.

Naval Station Pascagoula is a unique case. We know this base is vulnerable because it is not a multi-mission facility. Therefore, it was almost sure to be on the list recommended to the BRAC. But, this, too, is a facility the military may not want to lose. Its location, accessibility and quality of life give it outstanding advantages. The Coast Guard has a growing presence there which is significant as homeland security becomes increasingly important. Beyond that, I believe this facility would be a great location for commercial development, should the military leave. Though I'd like to see the military stay, it is clearly a facility with intrinsic value of its own.

Meridian's 186th Air Refueling Wing is targeted by the Pentagon, not for closure, but for realignment or a mission change. The Pentagon recommends dispersing this unit's refueling planes to other units, but the facility's other assets remain. That means another mission could be on deck for the 186th, and Congressman Chip Pickering, Senator Thad Cochran and I will work to ensure this facility is protected. The history of this unit is extraordinary. Air-to-air refueling was invented there by the Key Brothers in 1935. Their plane now hangs in the Smithsonian Institution. The unit in which the Keys served has seen service on several fronts until air-to-air refueling returned to Meridian as a mission not so long ago. No matter what the mission, the 186th has performed magnificently, and I'm confident that the 186th will continue as an honored and vital part of America's military aviation community.

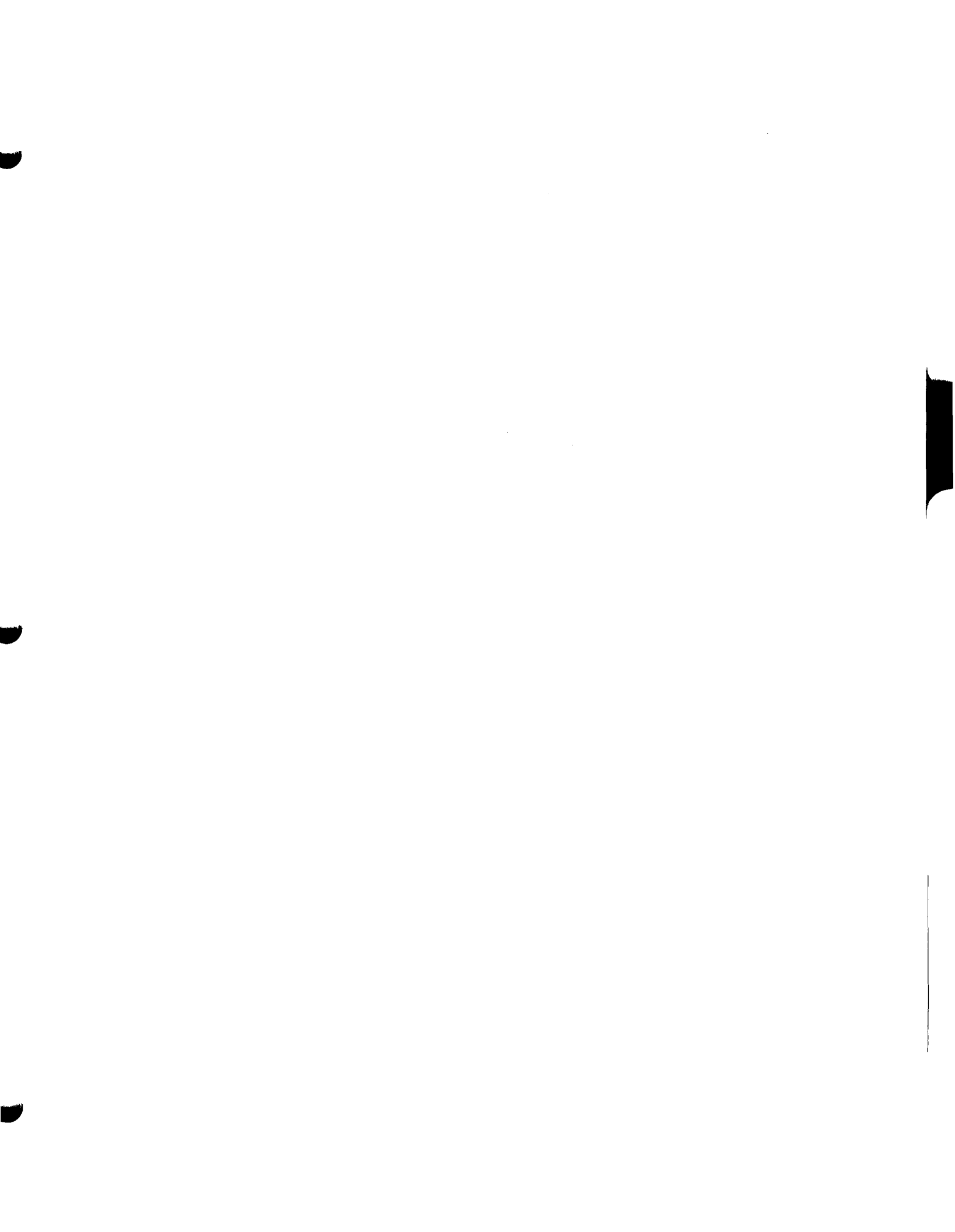
There are some additional realignment recommendations from the Pentagon that impact Stennis Space Center in Hancock County, the Vicksburg Corps of Engineers station and Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi. Of these, the proposed realignment for Keesler could be the most troubling. The Pentagon proposes basically to turn the hospital there into a "super clinic." I'll be studying this proposal very carefully. I want to make sure it doesn't

impact the quality of care our military personnel and veterans obtain, and I'm prepared to vigorously oppose it, if necessary. I'm also considering the proposed changes at Vicksburg and Stennis. On the surface these are minimal proposals, but still they affect real jobs and real people.

Finally, I welcome the Pentagon's decision to close the old Army Ammunition Plant in Hancock County. This is nothing short of a paper shuffle since the facility has been mothballed for years but not released for other uses. Now I look forward to helping find additional private tenants for this facility which has a lot of potential considering the rapid economic growth throughout this area, particularly from aerospace and research companies now migrating to Stennis Space Center. Remember, while the Pentagon proposes to take away just over 100 jobs from Stennis, NASA is moving up to 500 jobs there with last week's announcement it will be moving its Shared Services Center to Stennis. This will consolidate a lot of NASA's administrative jobs currently scattered throughout the country to Stennis Space Center, increasing efficiency and decreasing costs.

The BRAC process is not over, but it's clear Mississippi will not face a massive economic exodus from base closure or realignment. Yet, a lot of our folks have spent a lot of time and money worrying. I hope that when the Pentagon wants to close bases again, we'll scrap the BRAC process and return to allowing Congress to close bases, based on military recommendations. It's a far better process than scaring thousands of loyal, patriotic American communities for no reason. (05/20/05)

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NONE

DISTRICT 3

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NAS Meridian

DISTRICT 4

GENE TAYLOR *Democrat*
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