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* Subject: Base closing

Base/Installation/Facility: Naval Air Station Oceana

State: Virginia

* Comment: Closing this base and moving all the Jets and equipment, to Cecil Field or wherever is totally ridiculous. Relocating that many Naval Personnel, their families and all their belongings are the stupidest thing I have ever heard of, it is not cost effective. It would "DEVASTATE" the Virginia/Virginia Beach economy. Furthermore if Naval Station Norfolk where under attack like Pearl Harbor was, It would be beneficial to have our Jets closer for defensive/offensive purposes.

Attachments

If you wish to send an attachment, please mail it directly to us at the following address:

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600
Arlington, VA 22202

http://www.brac.gov/feedback.aspx

8/11/2005
August 9, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sirs,

As a taxpayer, I have concerns about the government spending billions of dollars to relocate a Naval Air Station with such a strategic location to serve the Home of the Atlantic Fleet in Norfolk and protect and defend the East Coast of our great Nation.

Although there have been encroachment concerns by the Navy, I am certain that more than ever the City of Virginia Beach recognizes how important Oceana is to the largest populated city in the State of Virginia. It is evident from the publicity this matter has drawn that the City of Virginia Beach Officials will cease and desist in approving and development near the Jet Base. Oceana has proven its worth over the decades to this great nation and has the capacity and facilities to continue to serve well into the future.

Our community provides a Navy family with an exceptional quality of life and educational system for their children. It would be devastating to up-root over 12,000 families from a place and a way of life they have become accustomed to enjoy.

I'm certain that you've heard the saying "We Love Jet Noise", It is a way of life in Virginia Beach and simply comes with the territory. Oceana has been a critical base of operations for the Navy for a long as I can remember growing up in Virginia Beach. Yes, this is my home and I am a small business owner. I do not directly do business with the Navy nor do I attempt to market my company's products and services to the military; however, I urge you to remove Naval Air Station Oceana from the BRAC list.

Sincerely,

Martin A. Joseph
AUG 15 2005

To Whom it may concern:

I obtained my US citizenship 38 years ago and love the US. Service makes me proud - PROUD to be in service - PROUD to be in a military community.

Most of my clients are military and give military discounts. My business will probably close if the base leaves - I am 2 1/2 miles from the back gate.

Please do not leave the base in economic distress - without the military high unemployment and business closures will surely follow.

Dennise Anderson
516 A London Bridge Rd
Victory, VA 23452
August 12, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Arlington, VA 22202

Ref: Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia

To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully request you reconsider your recommendation of the closing or realignment of the Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Your panel says' it is critical that you obtain the public's advice, assessments, and analyses to assist you in making the best possible decision. I am asking the esteemed panel to keep an open mind when you are considering the impact that closing this base would have in our area. Please consider that Virginia Beach will not be the only community to be impacted by this closing, and that all of our communities in Hampton Roads will be severely impacted by the closure of Oceana. Closing Oceana would have a major impact on our economy and would threaten our livelihood.

I was raised in a military household, my father served in the Navy for 27 years and I have lived in Virginia Beach for 42 years and I know how important the Navy is for our economic success to our community. I am also a woman home builder in Hampton Roads and I know how important keeping the base open is for the future of my company as well as the future of my employees and all of the other businesses in the community that will be affected by your decision.

In closing I am pleading to the panel to not close Oceana, this base is an important part of our economy providing 12,000 jobs and is vital to our success as a community. Our city wants and needs the U.S. Navy and I feel that we are good neighbors and are willing to do our part to keep Oceana in our backyard.

Sincerely,

Emma Williams
President
Majestic Homes Inc.
Dear BRAC:

Please do not close down Oceana Master Jet Base in Virginia Beach, VA. The military is welcomed & needed in this area. This base is the best location & value to the Navy & the taxpayer.

It would be too expensive to move the base to another location & the central location of Virginia Beach is the best place for the base to remain.

Texas is not a sensible alternative nor is the hurricane prone state of Florida.

Best regards,

[Signature]

Russell Johnson
[Registered Voter]
1952
Stepped-up traffic — which schedules and jets required longer runways than Norfolk has available — brought full status to Oceana.

Norfolk has...

1976
The Virginia Beach... to the... based on South Oceana Road for a letter... s... and noise zones and partly in an area where the risk of jet crashes is highest.

Aerin Kids Council approves a developer's plan to demolish an aging mall and build across Oceana.

1990
Council's rezones 70 acres of industrial land for 13,000 units. The new development complex commander, Lt. Col. Robert W. Brown, welcomes the base that a single potential zone in Oceana's most crash-prone area.

1992
The first operational squadron of F/A-18 Super Hornets arrives in Oceana.

2000
Council approves a developer's plan to demolish an aging mall and build across Oceana.

2002
The first operational squadron of F/A-18 Super Hornets arrives in Oceana.

2006
Council approves a developer's plan to demolish an aging mall and build across Oceana.

2010
The first operational squadron of F/A-18 Super Hornets arrives in Oceana.

2014
The first operational squadron of F/A-18 Super Hornets arrives in Oceana.

2019
The first operational squadron of F/A-18 Super Hornets arrives in Oceana.

2024
The first operational squadron of F/A-18 Super Hornets arrives in Oceana.

2029
The first operational squadron of F/A-18 Super Hornets arrives in Oceana.

2034
The first operational squadron of F/A-18 Super Hornets arrives in Oceana.

2039
The first operational squadron of F/A-18 Super Hornets arrives in Oceana.
Dear Sir/Madam, AUG 15 2005

Received August 10, 05.

Save our friends, family and neighbors. Losing Oceana will prove devastating and heartbreaking. Businesses will close, houses will be lost, unemployment would rise. Oceana is the only alternative for the Super Hornet aircraft and performing training missions. This is a Military Community and I am proud to live here!

So this the thanks you will give our troops fighting in Iraq, that they can't work here or live here because we are closing a military base which employs over 13,000 people with a yearly impact of $1.2 billion.

Let's give the Troops a big thanks by letting Oceana stay. By the way Oceana has been here long before the houses, stores and malls were built on the flight path of the sound of Freedom.

The citizens against jet noise should give their houses and real estate tax to our military and move, maybe Iraq would be quieter for them. You can also cut the jobs of the people that allowed land to be sold to the idiots that cry against the sound of Freedom.

Thank you,
Sharon Brindley
August 10, 2005

Base Realignment & Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Oceana Navy Master Jet Base

Dear Commissioners:

BRAC has a very challenging job. So does the Pentagon and the Defense Department.

Adding Ocean to the list of base closures is a mistake. The Pentagon did not put Oceana on the closure list for many reasons. The Defense Department did not put Oceana on the closure list for many reasons. For all of those reasons Oceana should be removed from your list of base closings.

Military preparation and readiness is an issue in the domain of the Pentagon and the Defense Department. They do not want Oceana on the closure list.

Americans and the President of the United States/Chief of Staff want to follow the advice of the Pentagon and the Defense Department. Said advice is not to put Oceana on the closure list.

Our military families do not want to change Oceana from a Master Jet Base.

Please continue to dedicate you review to the list originally delivered to you by the Pentagon and the Defense Department.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Lawrence Fleder
Please do not close Oceana!
We do not need high unemployment issues, closed businesses, etc.
Please protect us as our master Jet Base protects us
+ you!

Francesca Clay
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Rochester, WA 98055