



## 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission

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### **BRAC Commission Delivers Final Recommendations to the President**

Arlington, Virginia, 8 September, 2005—The 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) submitted its report to the President this evening.

The report represents the culmination of a process that began last May 13, when the Secretary of Defense announced his recommendations for closure and realignment of military installations. The Commission's decisions, reached during public hearings August 24-27, evaluated the Secretary's recommendation's compliance with eight statutory BRAC selection criteria and the Department of Defense's (DoD) Force Structure Plan after much detailed analysis and exhaustive deliberation.

"I am proud of the recommendations the Commission submitted to the President. We reached our decisions through an open, fair, and non-partisan process. While we listened carefully to the input from local communities, military value was our top priority," stated Chairman Anthony J. Principi.

"The task we were assigned was arduous and extremely detailed, but we completed the work that the Congress set out for us and we look forward to approval of the report by the President and the Congress," Chairman Principi continued.

Copies of the report will be delivered Friday morning to the Congress and the Department of Defense and posted on the official BRAC Commission website, [www.brac.gov](http://www.brac.gov).

Of the 190 DoD recommendations, the Commission approved 119 with no change and accepted another 45 with amendments; over 86% of those proposed by DoD. The Commission rejected 13 DoD recommendations in their entirety, significantly modified another 13, and made five additional closure or realignment recommendations on its own initiative. Of DoD's recommended 33 "major" closures, the Commission approved 21, recommended realignment for seven, and rejected five. In addition, it recommended one for closure rather than realignment, for a total of 22 major closures.

As a result of an order issued by Judge Covello, U.S. district court for Connecticut, a portion of Recommendation 85, titled "Bradley International Airport Air Guard Station, Connecticut, Barnes Air Guard Station, Massachusetts, Selfridge Air National Guard Base Michigan, Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, and Martin State Air Guard Station, Maryland," that recommends the realignment of the Connecticut 103<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing is withdrawn from the Commission's report. If the court's injunction is later vacated, reversed, stayed, or otherwise withdrawn, it is the intent of the Commission that the entirety of the recommendation be part of the Commission's report.

The President may approve the report and send it to the Congress, reject the report, or return the report to the Commission once for revisions. The report becomes law unless the Congress enacts a joint resolution of disapproval within 45 days of receiving the BRAC report from the President.

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