

Aberdeen Proving Ground Past, Present and Future

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APG 2005 BRAC History

- ▶ Lost Ordnance School
- ▶ Gained CECOM mission – C4ISR
- ▶ Gained CBR medical mission to Edgewood
- ▶ Big Net Gainer; civilian employees more than compensate for loss of military personnel
- ▶ MASSIVE MILCON
 - Infusion: \$1,000,000,000

Will there be another round authorized by Congress?

- ▶ Ignore the political posturing—budget constraints, excess capacity, archaic infrastructure, changing threat and priorities mandate a BRAC process.

- ▶ FY 16 National Defense Authorization Act-signed by President on 25 November 2015
 - ◆ Prohibits Conduct of a BRAC Round BUT

 - ◆ Mandates, with the 2017 budget submission (Feb 2016):
 - a force structure plan, informed by threats
 - inventory by category of installations
 - assessment of necessary infrastructure, excess, value in retaining
 - GAO to evaluate within 60 days of submission to Congress

Conclusion – the BRAC process has begun! Congress took Step 1. Step 2 in 2016 is not a big leap.

Process: Prediction

- ▶ 1. Similar to past, but constrained
- ▶ 2. Focus on closure, not transformation
- ▶ 3. Savings need to be more accurate – misuse of COBRA model
- ▶ 4. Consolidate across service lines
- ▶ 5. 6 years to execute likely to be reduced
- ▶ 6. No significant change to criteria

The Best Defense is an Offense

- ▶ 1. What missions and functions exist elsewhere in DOD that are similar or related to what already takes place at APG?
 - a. Ignore service lines
 - b. Examine Defense agencies
 - c. Is there room for growth? Use Enhanced Use Leasing to fund demo and construction
 - d. Who does what we do? RDTE, C4ISR
 - e. Who is in leased space?

- ▶ 2. Is there space for enhanced use leasing to contractors, particularly those in need of secure space (behind the fence)? Demolish old and build new to suit.

- ▶ 3. Who will use a similar analytic model looking to poach off of APG? Hunt or be hunted

- ▶ 4. Avoid other Maryland facilities-conflict for elected officials

Army/DOD/Base Closure Commission analytic model

- ▶ Decision Criteria
 - ▶ Past experience
 - ▶ Primary: military value dominates-can you perform the mission, can you expand and surge, what is the cost, do you have what is needed-roads, air space, infrastructure.
 - ▶ Also Ran: environmental concerns, local economy
 - ▶ Some bases need not fear BRAC closure-Bragg, Hood, Lee, Grand Forks, Pensacola—likely gainers of missions and personnel. Size, diverse missions, cost to replace, littoral location.

APG Vulnerability – Low, but don't be complacent

- ▶ Detractors-Cyber interference, traffic flow, noise impacts, water supply, ability to expand
- ▶ JLUS is not a coffee table publication: Adopt and Execute

Questions

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