



"A Looming Georgia Storm- Possible Base Closures in 2005"

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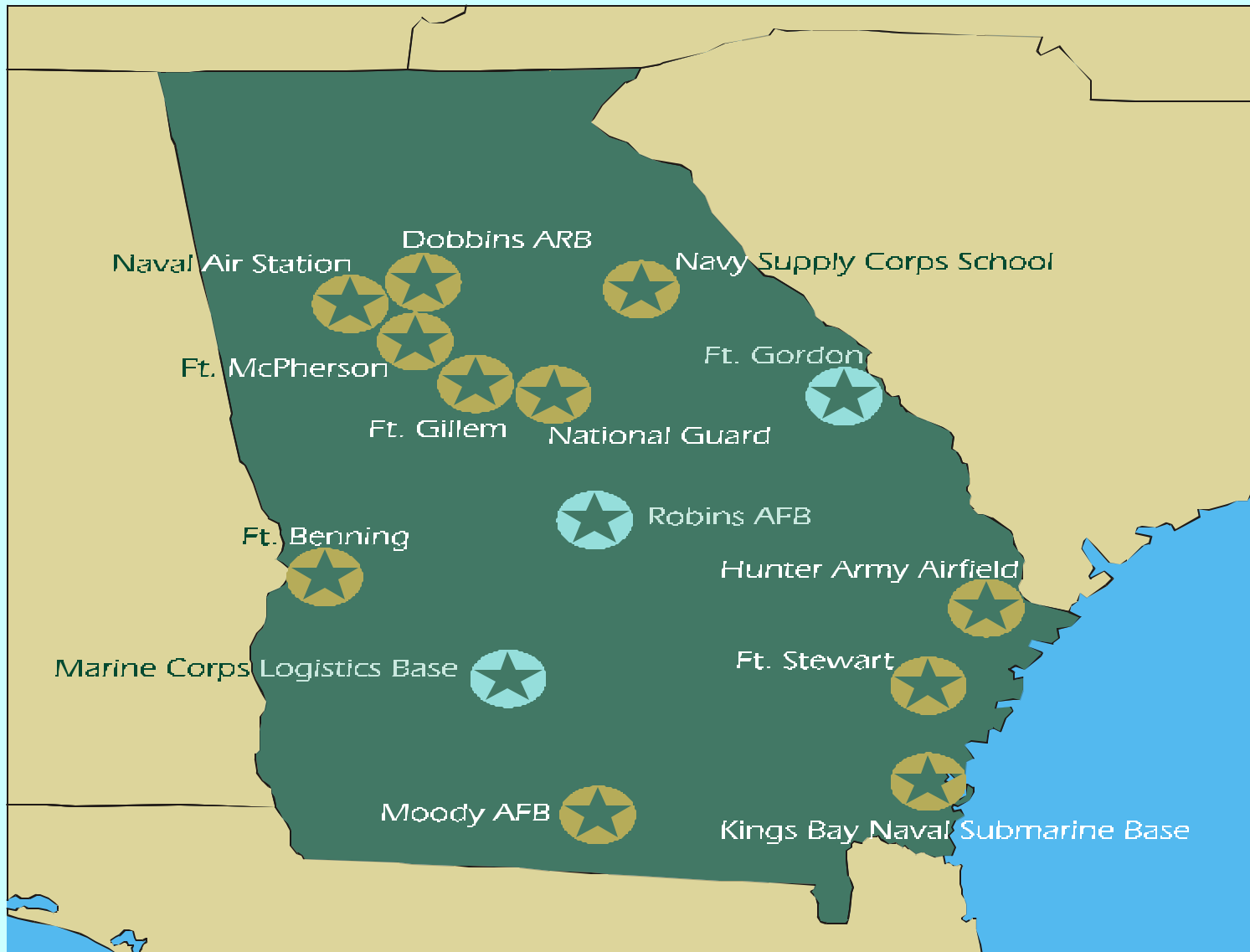


SUMMARY

- **BRAC '05 Background**
- **The Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee (GMACC)**
- **Community Action Groups**
- **Economic Impact of Georgia's Bases**
- **Forts McPherson and Gillem**
- **Atlanta Forts Foundation**



GEORGIA MILITARY INSTALLATIONS





BRAC '05 BACKGROUND

- 13 Bases in Georgia
- All military services represented- 120,000 workers
- Economic impact estimated to be between \$21B and \$25B
- 4 Previous BRAC rounds- 88, 91, 93, 95
- Georgia has never lost a base in previous rounds



BRAC '05 BACKGROUND

- **23-25% will be closed or realigned**
- **“Mission Value” is the prime evaluation criteria**
- **Other Considerations**
 - **Cost savings associated with closure or realignment**
 - **Economic impact on the community**
 - **Ability of community infrastructure to support the base now and in the future**
 - **Environmental Impact**
- **DOD will play a more prominent role in this round**



BRAC Process (In General Terms)

- Congress approves.
- DOD and Services do evaluation.
- DOD makes decisions and passes them to a commission appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.
- Commission reviews and makes changes.
- Commission passes its recommendation to the President.
- If he approves, he sends to Congress for an “up or down” vote.



BRAC TIMELINES

- **Dec'03 –selection criteria announced.**
- **Feb '04-selection criteria approved.**
- **Mar '04-force structure decisions**
- **Fall '04 (estimated)-military service provides recommendations to the DOD.**
- **Mar '05-president appoints the BRAC '05 Commission.**
- ✓ **May '05-DOD passes list of recommended bases to be impacted to the Commission.**



BRAC TIMELINES

- ✓ **Sep'05- Commission passes its recommendations to the President.**
- **President has various options at this point.**



COMMON FUNCTIONS

- **Supply and Storage- Fort Gillem**
- **Industrial Operations- Robins AFB/MCLB Albany**
- **Technical Operations**
- **Education and Training- Fort Benning/NSCS Athens**
- **Medical- Fort Gordon**
- **Headquarters and Administration- Fort McPherson**
- **Intelligence-Fort Gordon**



GEORGIA MILITARY AFFAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

- **Governor Perdue**
- **Honorary Chairmen (Senators Nunn and Mattingly)**
- **Chairman and Board of Directors**
- **Community Action Group Leaders**
- **GMACC Staff**

Note: The Committee advisor is not appointed. (Carl Swearingen)



MISSION ELEMENTS

- **Determine where and how to improve the mission value of each Georgia base.**
- **Examine the extent of community support and fix shortfalls.**
- **Determine what other types of missions, functions, or organizations would “fit” on Georgia’s bases.**
- **Installation cost efficiencies.**
- **Retain and recruit additional Defense Industry for Georgia.**
- **Overall—be competitive in '05!!!**



COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP LEADERS

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COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP TASKS

- **Organize the community action group into a BRAC-action task force.**
- **Raise funds for operational expenses.**
- **Identify community support shortfalls and fix—requires data collection and/or studies.**
- **Support the needs of the military installation thru elected representatives.**



COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP TASKS

- **Look for public-private partnerships and/or privatization to reduce installation annual operating expenses.**
- **Determine the feasibility of moving additional missions, functions, and/or organizations to the installation.**



2004 Military Installation Economic Impact Data

Installation	Military Population	Civilian Workforce	Total	Annual Payroll	Contract Awards
Robins Air Force Base	6,856	13,421	20,277	\$1,349,000,000	
Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Air Field	19,536	3,482	23,018	\$697,600,000	
Fort Benning	28,659	6,712	35,471	\$1,105,000,000	
Fort Gordon	8,860	2,310	11,170	\$685,100,000	
Marine Corps Logistics Base - Albany	673	2,313	2,986	\$149,000,000	
Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem	6,133	4,952	11,085	\$512,200,000	
Kings Bay Sub Base	5,027	1,831	6,858	\$356,000,000	
Moody Air Force Base	3,715	339	4,054	\$186,000,000	
NAS-Atlanta (incls Marines)	2,764	140	2,904	\$48,300,000	
Dobbins Air Reserve Base	720	255	975	\$66,700,000	
Navy Supply Corps School - Athens	130	193	323	\$8,700,000	
Georgia National Guard (State-wide)	12,502	350	12,852	\$134,200,000	
Totals	95,575	36,298	131,873	\$5,297,800,000.	

As of 30 Sep 2004



FORTS McPHERSON/GILLEM

- **Total Population Supported: 177,268**
 - **16,729 workers and families**
 - **29,479 reservists and other services**
 - **131,060 retirees and families**
- **Direct Economic Impact: \$671.21M**
Annually



ATLANTA FORTS FOUNDATION

- **Established Nov 4, 2003 to educate about BRAC 2005/ enlist community support**
- **Board of Directors- Political and Business leaders (Clayton,Cobb, Fayette and Henry Counties)**
- **Independent Study- new missions, functions and organizations**
- **Meeting with Under Secretary Grone and Congressman Scott**



FOUNDATION CONTACTS

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