



Workforce Development Board

*of
Okaloosa and Walton Counties*

Sylvia Hanks, Chairperson

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FROM: Workforce Development Board

TO: BRAC Community Task Force

RE: U.S. Army Seventh Special Forces Group (Airborne) Transition Update

Because the BRAC Community Task Force has not met recently, we wanted to provide you this update to keep you informed of the local activities to support the families that will be transitioning here from Ft. Bragg.

According to the numbers reported in Eglin's BRAC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), released in October, approximately 2,200 officers, non-commissioned officers (NCOs), and soldiers associated with the 7SFG(A) are projected to arrive in mid to late 2011.

Table ES-3 summarizes the number of persons associated with the 7SFG (A) realignment to Eglin AFB as follows:

- Estimated Personnel at Eglin AFB – 2,200
- Accompanying Spouses – 1,452
- Dependent Children – 2,415
- Total 6, 067

Please note these figures are not official until the EIS goes to Record of Decision, perhaps within the next few weeks.

Workforce Development Board representatives are in continuous contact with Army officials at Ft. Bragg. We have asked them to review and comment on our "*Welcome to Northwest Florida*" website and our plans for preparing for their arrival in 2011. Per our communications, we are committed to following a schedule to be set forth by the 7th SFG (A). Our goal is to be ready when we get the word from Ft. Bragg and we suspect the time is growing closer.

The 7th and their fellow Special Forces troops have undergone command changes and other events and are now beginning to focus on the transition to Northwest Florida. The folks in the 7th appreciate our commitment, coordinated efforts and patience during this process. When the commander deems the time is right, we will begin working more directly with our group.

Finally, attached is the latest update of our Task Force roster. Please take a moment to review it and send any updates or additions to DeDe Haynes.

Thank you,

Jim Breitenfeld

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