

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-second Legislature – First Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Report of Special Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2015
House Hearing Room 5 -- 9:30 a.m.

Convened 9:33 a.m.
Recessed
Reconvened
Adjourned 10:23 a.m.

Members Present

Mr. Andrade
Mr. Campbell
Mr. Kern
Mr. Pratt
Mr. Finchem, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Borrelli, Chairman

Members Absent

Mr. Cardenas
Mr. Farnsworth
Ms. Mach

Request to Speak

None

Presentations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Attachments (Handouts)</u>
Lt. Colonel Tom Norris, Retired	United States Air Force	1

Committee Action

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>Attachments (Summaries, Amendments, Roll Call)</u>
None			



Jen Burns, Chairman Assistant
April 7, 2015

(Original attachments on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)



USAF Actions to Weaken Our National Defense and Southern Arizona Economy



Meeting Introductions

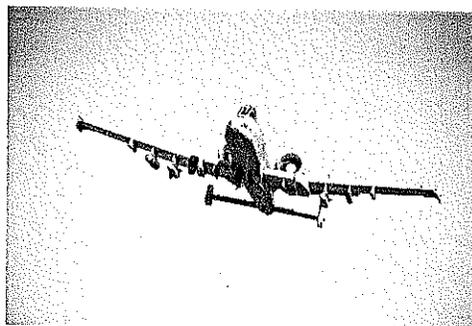
- Verne Patterson, 12 year Air Force Veteran
 - Air Force Special Operations JTAC
 - Weapons & Tactics Chief Instructor
 - Emerging Technology NCOIC
 - 5 Combat Deployments
 - 2x Bronze Star w Valor recipient
 - Business Development Manager for an Arizona Defense Company

- Lt Col (Ret) Tom Norris
 - 3000 Hour Attack Pilot
 - Veteran – Desert Storm, Southern Watch, and Iraqi Freedom
 - Fighter Squadron Commander
 - USAF Weapons School Graduate/Instructor
 - Arizona Resident
 - Sun Devil



BLUF

- *Real Fight is on the Ground*
- *Welfare of Ground Troops*
- *A-10 Advocacy Until Viable Replacement*
- *Strong Defense and Economy*



Objectives

- *Identify USAF Actions to Weaken National Security*
- *Quantify Davis-Monthan Economic Impacts to Arizona*
- *Identify the USAF Plan for Davis-Monthan (2016-2019)*
- *Why did the CSAF Visit Davis-Monthan this week?*
- *What can You Do?*





What is Close Air Support (CAS)?

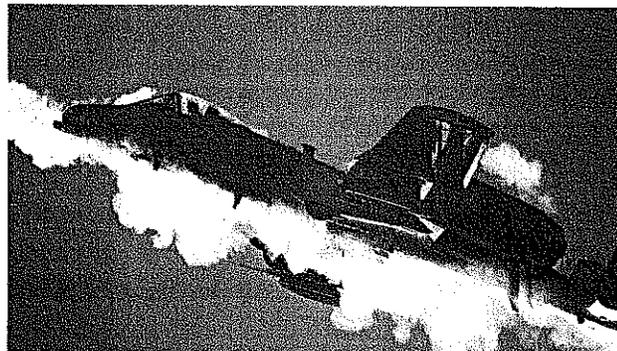
Close air support (CAS) is air action by fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft against hostile targets that are in close proximity to friendly forces, and requires detailed integration of each air mission with the fire and movement of those forces.

- The conditions for effective CAS are: thoroughly trained personnel with well developed skills, effective planning and integration, effective C2, air superiority, target marking and/or acquisition, streamlined and flexible procedures, and appropriate ordnance. Although not a requirement for CAS employment, favorable environmental conditions improve CAS effectiveness
- CAS requires detailed planning, coordination, and training for effective and safe execution
- Supported ground Commanders are responsible for the execution of CAS
- Ability to break an enemies will to fight



What is a Joint Terminal Attack Controller?

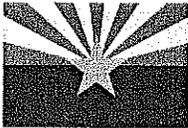
- A Joint terminal attack controller (JTAC) is the term used in the United States Armed Forces and some other military forces for a qualified service member who directs the action of combat aircraft engaged in close air support.





A-10 Divestment – Good or Bad Idea?

- We do not have superiority in cyberspace
- We do not have a replacement of appropriate ordinance
- We are still engaged in conflict that requires the A-10 tactics
- A-10 technology is on par with the supported ground fighter of tomorrow
- A-10 is an existing piece of our battle plan Vs near peer adversary
- Technology will always be defeated by tactics
- Current replacements don't meet tenants of CAS
- We do need to divest into the future but not at the cost of what we have today



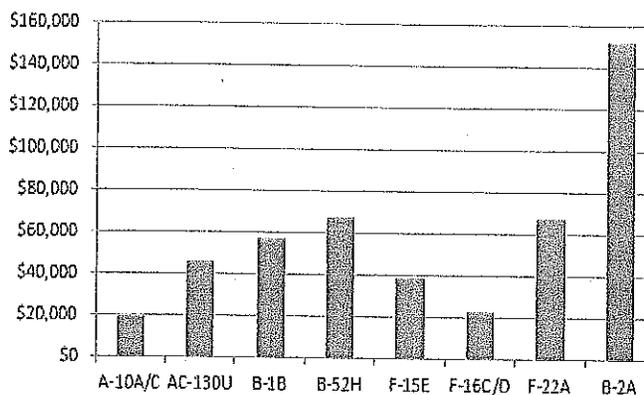
Davis-Monthan Aircraft

- *A-10C ThunderBolt II*
 - 83 Aircraft at DM
 - USAF Primary Missions
 - Close Air Support
 - Combat Search and Rescue
 - Forward Air Controller
- Currently Deployed to Iraq, Europe, UAE
- United States Army Chief of Staff (Gen Odierno, 2013)
"The A-10 is the BEST Close Air Support platform we have today"
- TACP-A President (Charlie Keebaugh, 2015), Letter to Mr. Ash Carter SecDef
"If the Air Force does not reverse its decision to prematurely divest the A-10, Americans will die in future conflicts due to inadequate close air support. This is a completely predictable disaster in the making, and we ask you to reconsider before we make a decision we will come to deeply regret."



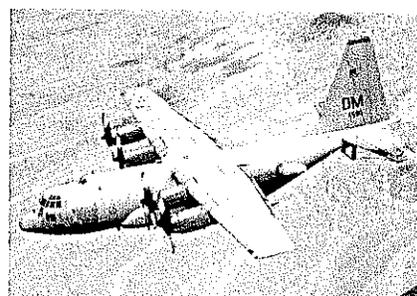
A-10C – Lowest Operating Cost

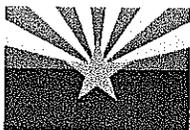
Ownership Cost per Flying Hour (CPFH):
A-10 and Other Ground Attack Aircraft
Source: Secretary of the Air Force/Comptroller



Davis-Monthan Aircraft

- *EC-130H Compass Call*
- *15 Aircraft at DM*
- *Primary Missions*
 - *SOCOM*
 - *Communications Jamming*
 - *Intelligence*
- *Deployed to Iraq and other non-disclosed locations*
- *Crucial Member of EW Team*





Davis-Monthan Personnel

FY12 Davis-Monthan AFB Economic Impact Analysis | 2013

**TABLE 3
PERSONNEL BY CLASSIFICATION
AND HOUSING LOCATION**

	LIVING ON BASE	LIVING OFF BASE	TOTAL
1. APPROPRIATED FUND MILITARY	1,589	5,645	7,234
2. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY DEPENDENTS	968	7,353	8,321
3. APPROPRIATED FUND CIVILIANS			1,604
4. NON-APPROPRIATED FUND CONTRACT CIVILIANS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS			1,728
TOTAL PERSONNEL			19,196



Davis-Monthan Economic Impacts

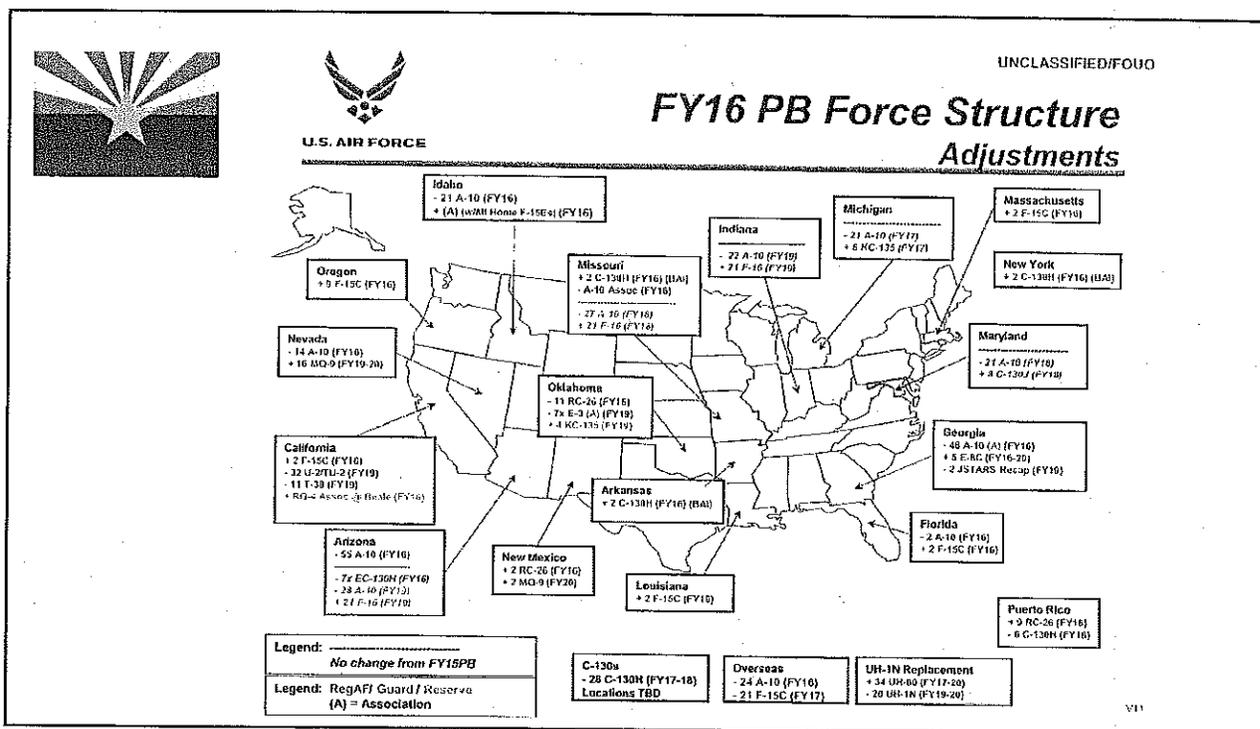
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**TABLE 4
ESTIMATE OF NUMBER AND DOLLAR VALUE OF
INDIRECT JOBS CREATED**

	# of Base Jobs	Multiplying ¹	# of Indirect Jobs
1. ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY	6,595	0.41	2,704
2. RESERVE ANG-TRADEES	542	0.16	151
3. AFF CIVILIANS	1,504	0.55	832
4. OTHER CIVILIANS	1,726	0.35	920
TOTAL JOBS	10,869		4,607
AVERAGE ANNUAL PAY FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY²			\$42,740
ESTIMATED ANNUAL DOLLAR VALUE OF JOBS CREATED			\$200,322,359

**TABLE 5
TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ESTIMATE**

	TOTAL
ANNUAL PAYROLL:	
Military	\$474,831,800
Federal Civilian	\$95,654,497
Other Civilian	\$74,553,069
ANNUAL EXPENDITURES:	\$293,227,647
ESTIMATED ANNUAL DOLLAR VALUE OF JOBS CREATED:	\$200,322,359
Estimated Indirect Jobs Created	4,607
Average Annual Pay	\$42,740
GRAND TOTAL:	\$1,234,858,813
Retiree Pay ³	\$497,952,000
GRAND TOTAL W/ RETIREES:	\$1,732,810,813

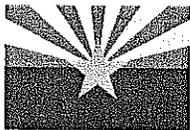



USAF Actions Affect Tucson

- Currently DM Provides
 - 9,143 Direct Jobs
 - 7.1% of Tucson GDP
- *A-10 Divestment Direct Job Losses
 - FY2016 = 1100
 - FY2019 = 560
- EC-130H Divestment Direct Job Losses
 - FY2016 = 280
- Total Direct Job Losses = 1940
- Indirect Job Losses (On Base Only) = 776 - 970
- Total Jobs Lost = 2700 - 2900

* Using USAF Metrics of 20 personnel per fighter aircraft





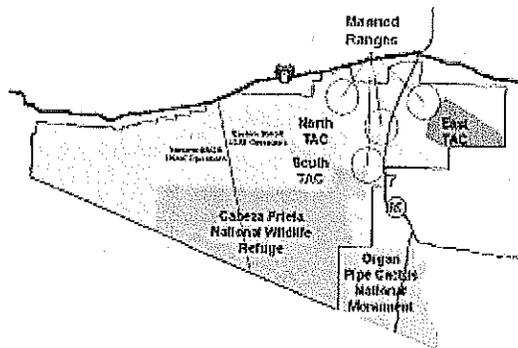
Why is the CSAF in Tucson?

- *CSAF in Office Since 2012*
- *Paying States Off*
- *Will Offer Other Possible Missions*
 - *F-16 AFR (FY2019)*
 - *RPA ANG/AFR*
- *Perception Is Not Always Reality*
 - *CSAF's Tenure Over in 2016 – Cannot Enforce Any Promises*
 - *F-16 Service Life Extension Program (SLEP)*
 - *ANG/AFR vs AD Manpower*
 - *Promises = Job Cuts*
- *Reassure DM Will Stay Open*
 - *BRAC*



Why the USAF Should Value DM

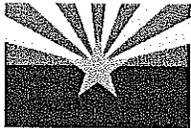
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- *National Treasure – BMGR*
- *Joint Training Opportunities*
- *The Home of Combat Search and Rescue*
- *Defense Industry Focal Point*





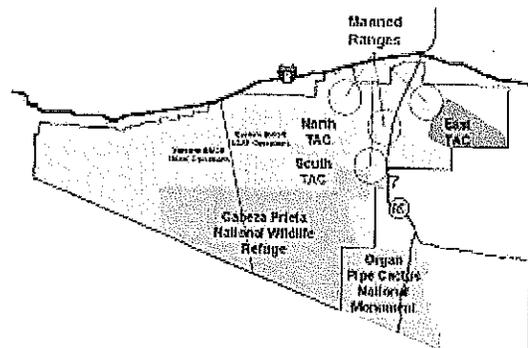
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What Can You Do?

- *Engage Local and National Leaders Throughout Arizona*
- *Voice Opposition to USAF Plan to Divest A-10 and Cut EC-130Hs*
- *Visit Washington DC to voice advocacy for Aircraft, DM, and Arizona*
- *Visit and Understand the Small Defense Businesses in Arizona*