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### Ceremony Marks Land Transfer at Plattsburgh Official

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**SAN ANTONIO, Texas** – In front of more than 75 business, political and community leaders, as well as former airmen who once called Plattsburgh Air Force Base home, the Air Force Real Property Agency officially celebrated the final transfer of the remaining 832 acres to the local community for redevelopment. This makes Plattsburgh the Air Force’s 30<sup>th</sup> former installation transferred for community reuse.

Ms. Kathleen Ferguson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Logistics, provided opening remarks welcoming members of the Plattsburgh family back to celebrate this milestone, and sharing with them in their memories of the former base.

“Like many of you, the closure of Plattsburgh was personal for me,” recalled Ms. Ferguson. “In April 1981, John Huru took a chance on a brand new graduated civil engineer from the University of New Hampshire. I’ve learned the foundation of what I do today here at Plattsburgh.”

Portions of the former base have been divided and sold to various entities since it closed in 1995. Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corporation, the local authority responsible for managing redevelopment, currently boasts more than 60 aerospace, rail transportation and manufacturing tenants as well as an international airport that services the Plattsburgh/Montreal/Lake Placid region. Once there is no more redevelopment to be done, PARC will officially disband as originally intended.

“The mission of PARC was never to stay open long term, but rather to assist in the development of new jobs for the region,” said Dr. Stephen TerMaath, chief of the AFRPA BRAC Program Management Division. “With the final piece of land transferred, and their legal and financial duties nearing an end, PARC is ready to take the next step in the best interest of the Plattsburgh community.”

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Other distinguished guests included Ms. Molly Ryan, Constituent Liaison to Congressman William Owens, New York's 23<sup>rd</sup> District; Mr. Bernie Bassett, Supervisor, Town of Plattsburgh; Mr. Gilbert Duken, Chairman, PARC Board of Directors; and Mr. James Langley, Jr., Chairman, Clinton County Legislature, Area 7.

AFRPA acquires, manages and disposes of Air Force-controlled real property worldwide. The agency's BRAC division has managed the remediation and transfer of more than 78,700 acres of property at 40 former installations to local communities for economic development.

For more information on the Air Force's BRAC environmental cleanup program, please call 866-725-7617 or email [afropa.pa@us.af.mil](mailto:afropa.pa@us.af.mil).