

## **FY2010 National Defense Authorization Act**

### **Federal Funding Requests**

#### **Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**

#### **Base Defense Group Beddown; \$7,200,000; Stewart Air National Guard Base, New York**

The Stewart Air National Guard Base requires adequately sized and configured space to accommodate a new Security Forces Base Defense Group unit that is manned in excess of 200 personnel. This new unit will require adding space and reconfiguration of existing space to a current Aerial Port facility to house the new mission and its assigned personnel. In addition, it requires the alteration of an existing Fire House building to house the displaced Aerial Port operations unit. This project will combine all security forces on the installation to one facility and fully accommodates the new mission and additional personnel assigned to the base. This project will cost \$7.2 million and is on the Air National Guard's Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP).

#### **Indoor Small Arms Range; \$5,700,000; Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York**

The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has a requirement for a modern firing range which would support the requirements of the Base wings, the units of the new Armed Forces Regional Readiness Center, and Department of Homeland Security tenants. The current number of firing line positions is inadequate to satisfy the volume of monthly training requirements which has grown with the addition of the Regional Readiness Center at the Base. Furthermore, without an indoor firing range, personnel must shoot at an off-base outdoor firing range. Due to the extreme weather conditions in the Buffalo area, the Wing loses several months of weapons qualifying each year. This new Small Arms Range will allow personnel to satisfy mandatory weapons training as well as meeting safety and environmental requirements. The construction of a firing range to meet the military requirements would also serve as an asset for additional Department of Homeland Security (DHS) tenants which would offset the construction costs and reduce Base Operations Support costs to the Department of Defense.