

BETTER AIRCRAFT ALTERNATIVES FOR BURLINGTON

OTHER GUARD BASES HAVE THEM

Facts:

- There are numerous alternative aircraft for the Vermont Air Guard to fly.
- Burlington Air Guard was considered for a tanker aircraft in 2012.
- Dozens of Air Guard units fly other types of military aircraft besides fighters.
- At least one other Air Guard base switched from fighter aircraft to transport aircraft.
- The Air Force needs more transport capabilities.

Documentation supporting the facts:

1. The Air Force stated in court: "...had the F-35A not been selected to replace the F-16s, there could have been any number of reasonable alternatives available to the Air Force on how to configure Burlington."
 - *Federal court record (Case No. 5:14-cv-132, Defendant's Memo in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion), March 7, 2016, page 59-60*
2. National Air Guard Stations in 24 other U. S. States fly transport aircraft. Eighteen units fly the C-130 transport aircraft.
 - *"Base-by-base changes to aircraft and personnel" Air Force Times, Dec 31, 2012*
3. The Burlington Air Guard was on the list of bases being looked at to base the new KC-46A.
 - *"Bases up to host Tanker" Air Force Times, May 28, 2012*
4. The Great Falls Air Guard Base in Montana changed aircraft from F-15 fighter aircraft to C-130 transport aircraft in 2016.
 - *"120th Airlift Wing Prepares to Deploy" Jenn Rowell, Air Force Times, Oct 17, 2016*
5. The Air Force reports that demand for mobility aircraft (transports, cargo and refueling aircraft) is increasing, saying "Without it, a team doesn't move."
 - *"Air Mobility: A clear need for future environments" Col Chris Karns, Air Force Times, January 29, 2018*

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