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**Reps. Slaughter and Reynolds Confirm \$7.8 Million in Funds for Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in FY07 Appropriations Bill**

**New Quarters to be Constructed, Housing 147 Reservists**

**Washington, DC** - Representatives Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport) and Tom Reynolds (R-Clarence) are pleased to announce that the \$7.8 million secured in the FY07 Continuing Resolution for the construction of new quarters at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has been confirmed.

Congresswoman Slaughter received word from the Air Force Reserve that funding will be released in the third quarter of this year. The news alleviated fears over the fate the funding secured by Reps. Slaughter and Reynolds caused by the uncertainty of last year's budget process.

**"I am very pleased to see these funds will be available in the FY07 appropriations bill,"** said Rep. Slaughter. **"The soldiers at the Niagara Air Base are vital to the security of our region and our country, and the continued success of the Base is vital**

to the security of our local economy.&quot;

**&quot;This funding represents continued investment of federal dollars in the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and continues our commitment to keeping this facility an integral part of Western New York and our nation's homeland security,&quot;** Reynolds said. □

**&quot;This funding means more jobs and more investment in Niagara.&quot;**

The new quarters will house 147 Air Force reservists. They will also meet the standards of the Americans With Disabilities Act, which the old quarters did not.

## **BACKGROUND**

Three years ago, the Comptroller for the Department of Defense promised the Western New York Delegation that money for new reservist quarters at NFARS would be in the President's 2006 and 2007 budget. \$9.2 million was included in the FY2006 year's federal budget for Phase I of the project.

Last October, Rep Slaughter's office received word that the \$7.8 million for Phase II was going to slide from FY2007 until FY2008 or later. Rep. Slaughter and Rep. James Walsh worked together to ensure that the project was placed back in the President's FY07 budget.

Rep. Slaughter and Rep. Reynolds last year sent a letter to the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, which has control over military construction programs, offering further support of the project.

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