



# Congressman Bud Cramer

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During the August work period, I spent time in my district offices meeting with constituents in North Alabama on issues important to them. I also spent time preparing for my annual Academy Day that is coming up on September 7. Academy Day is a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn about our military academies and I hope to see many young men and women there.

*Bud Cramer*

## News From Washington

On August 1, Rep. Cramer announced that the House passed the Fiscal Year 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill. The bill includes \$9.1 billion to implement the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), a \$1.8 billion increase from 2008. This bill allows the Pentagon to continue to direct funds to Redstone for the implementation of the BRAC law.

**“I am pleased that Congress is continuing to keep the 2005 BRAC decisions funded and on time,”** Cramer said. **“Congress remains committed to following through with the BRAC recommendations as mandated by law, and I will continue to work with members of the Alabama delegation to keep BRAC on track at Redstone Arsenal.”**

## News From the Fifth District

This month Rep. Cramer announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) awarded grant funding to three North Alabama airports. The funding includes:

- \$893,997 to the Huntsville International Airport for the expansion of the baggage claim area in the airport's terminal building;
- \$39,631 to Hartselle's Rountree Field to install perimeter fencing that will reduce unauthorized access to the airport facilities;
- \$38,760 to Decatur's Pryor Field Regional Airport for the construction of a new terminal building on the northern portion of the airfield.

## Academy Day 2008



On Sunday, September 7, 2008, Rep. Cramer will host his annual “Academy Day” for North Alabama high school students interested in attending one of our nation’s five military academies. Representatives from each of the academies will be on hand to answer any questions about attending these prestigious institutions. This year’s forum will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Madison Academy Cafeteria in Madison.

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