



November, 25, 2024

Ms. Anderson,

Thank you and the City of Corpus Christi for your continued support to the South Texas Military Task Force. Attached is our first Semi-annual report and financial update for 2024. This report highlights recent Task Force activity in support of our mission to preserve, protect, and expand the value of military facilities in the Coastal Bend Region. I am available to further discuss details of this report and welcome your feedback anytime. Again, thank you and the City of Corpus Christi for your continued support in our mission.

The South Texas Military is stronger because of your support.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kresten Cook", is positioned above the typed name.

Kresten Cook
Executive Director,
South Texas Military Task Force

Attachment: STMTF Semi Annual Report 2024



MILITARY TASK FORCE

South Texas Military Task Force First Semi-Annual Report 2024

Invited Keith Graf, Executive Director of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, to STMTF Quarterly Meeting and USCG Commissioning Ceremony at VMHS. Keith accepted the invite and requested visits with area military installations. Set up tours of CCAD and NASCC on 13 NOV following the Quarterly meeting.

Looking into availability of USCG Admiral Watson for a meet and greet event on evening of 13 Nov.

Attended the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting and provided an update on STMTF activity. Several members were interested in the possibility of establishing food related business on or near NASCC.

Received invitation to speak at the Army Aviation Association of America's Luther Jones Forum on 11 DEC. Will provide an update on the STMTF. Also, the STMTF and the City of Corpus Christi will co-sponsor the evening social on 11 DEC.

Reviewed the City of Corpus Christi's Military Legislative Agenda for Ryan Skrobyczk, and provided additional input.

Received from Larry Meyers, letter to SEN Cornyn from SECNAV Del Toro, a response to the Child Development Center letter initiated by Sen. Cruz and cosigned by Cloud and Cornyn. Provided input back to Larry.

Partnered with the city of Corpus Christi to prepare the application for designation as a Coast Guard city. Provided letters of endorsement and supporting documentation end coordinated at all levels with the Coast Guard. Received news from Coast Guard headquarters that the application was one of the best they've ever seen and they would like permission to use it as an example for future cities. Final notification of Coast Guard city designation will take a few months.

Made a presentation on the South Texas military task force to the Antiques and Flowers ladies group of Corpus Christi on October 3rd.

Worked with the excellent team at First Community Bank for another successful military appreciation dove hunt on September 26th. Over 60 military hunters from the Marines Navy Army and Coast Guard attended. Preliminary work included several written forms and conversations with Coast Guard and Navy lawyers to obtain clearance for the military to attend the event.

Working with the Performing Arts Center in of Corpus Christi as they host The United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus on Friday October 18th. This Ferguson Bravo series performance is available to the military and public at no charge. Set notifications of this event to all area military commanders. And asked CCAD Commander COL Kevin Considine to introduce the Army Band.

Attended Naval Air station Kingsville change of command ceremony on 13 September as Captain Eric Bromley turned over the reins to Captain Michael Bishop

Set up a meet and greet event for Rear Admiral Hewitt, Navy region commander southeast. The event was held at the first community banks community room where the First Community Bank team were once again wonderful hosts. Invited Keith Graff from the governor's office to attend. Met with training wing for Commodore Captain Paul Penn with Gary Bradford and Alan Wilson. Learned about many of his concerns as to the state of Naval Air station Corpus Christi. Examples include lack of food facilities , lack of physical fitness facilities, and housing challenges for his 900 students. Captain Penn mentioned he knew Vice Admiral Gray very well and was willing to accompany us on my future trip to Navy Installation Command headquarters.

Received some good news from Ben Pollack on the potential use of Texas A&M University Corpus Christi housing availability at their Village location. Apparently, they have some vacancies at a reasonable price.

Had a successful trip to Washington DC with members of the task force. Met with senator Cruz senator Cornyn's MLA. . Met with congressman Clouds MLA. Worked with Captain Charlie Wilson of the Coast Guard to set up a meeting at Coast Guard headquarters. Met with USCG Rear Admiral Watson and his team. Worked with Colonel Kevin Considine commander of Corpus Christi army depot to set up meetings at the the Directorate of Army Aviation (DAMO-AV), a part of the Headquarters Department of the Army G-3/5/7. Its mission is to develop and oversee policies, programs, and plans for Army Aviation. DAMO-AV also serves as the central coordination point and main Army staff advisor for all things Army Aviation.. Provided feedback requested by USCG Captains Wilson and Bertheau on our meetings at U.S. Coast guard headquarters.

Working with Training Wing – 2 to Commodore CAPT Aaron “Princes” Rybar on setting up future distinguished visitor embarks to view Chief of Naval Air Training students doing their first carrier qualifications. Next opportunity for embark is scheduled for December 13-15. Coordinating with NASK PAO, Terry Shannon on invitations.

Attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Corpus Christi Army Depot's phase 4 of their Dynamic Component Repair Facility complex. Toured NASCC and noted several Army funded

improvements as a result of these new facilities including a new Auto Hobby Shop and a new running track and ball fields under construction.

Assisted the USS Kingsville commissioning planning group with points of contact of all area military leaders and guest list development for Commissioning week. Attended the commissioning ceremony on 24 September. Also intended the USS Kingsville gala celebration on the LEX on 23 September.

Currently serving as President on the USS Lexington board of directors.

Held a successful South Texas military task force quarterly meeting on 15 September and received presentation from Defense Logistics Agency commander Lieutenant Colonel Tim Owens.

Assisted Megan Considine (wife of CCAD Commander Kevin Considine) in her application for the Texas military spouse task force.

Provided letter of support to the Texas higher education board advocating for new doctoral programs in Engineering at Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Provided letter of endorsement to USCG Headquarters in support of designating Corpus Christi as a Coast Guard City.

Attended the Corpus Christi's State of the City event and invited several military commanders as guests of the task force.

Signed agreement to once again Co-sponsor the meet and greet event at the upcoming Luther Jones symposium as part of the Army Aviation Association of America annual meeting in Corpus Christi in December

Assisted the USS Kingsville commissioning committee with logistical support and guest list development from the South Texas Military Task Force and associated members. Commissioning of the ship and events are set for the week of August 18th, 2024.

Worked with the Chief of Naval Air Training on the second distinguished visitor embark trip to the US Navy Carrier USS Truman. Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority executive director Derek Majchszak and Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization chief Rob MacDonald participated on this trip. Provided STMTF Challenge coins to these gentlemen to recognize deserving military on the visit.

Convened South Texas Military Task Force executive committee meetings for 26 April and 28 June. Also set up the STMTF quarterly meeting on May 8th and received updates from the US Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi and U.S. Coast Guard Air Station from Captains Hans Govertsen and Jason Gunning.

Met with incoming Coast Guard Sector commander captain Torry Bertheau and attended Coast Guard sector change of command and retirement for Captain Jason Gunning on June 28th.

Received news that the Texas Military Preparedness Commission will meet in Corpus Christi this Fall. Will work with Commissioner Garry Bradford on logistics and to assist in setting up tours of NAS Corpus Christi and Corpus Christi Army Depot.

Worked with congressman Michael Cloud's office on issues in the National Defense Authorization Act or NDAA that specifically support Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Corpus Christi Army Depot to improve quality of life for service members and infrastructure improvements

Provided information to city manager of Kingsville, Mark McLaughlin on potential financial support to the South Texas Military Task Force

Received updated economic impact information from the governor's office on the importance of our area military installations in our area are military installations create over 30,000 jobs and have over a \$5 billion impact per year to the Corpus Christi area.

Working with the city of Corpus Christi on application to designate Corpus Christi as a Coast Guard City- the first such designation in Texas

Met with Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Stevens the new professor of military science and head of the ROTC unit at Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Continued work on housing challenges at Naval Air station Corpus Christi where presently there is no housing available for unaccompanied sailors and soldiers. Met with Corpus Christi housing leaders to see the possibility of military utilizing this source. Also contacted Texas A&M Corpus Christi university to check on availability of housing on the momentum campus for the military

At the request of area military, forwarded updated addresses and contact information of area military commanders to the Buccaneer Commission and the Los Donas Committee.

Together with chairman Allen Wilson made a presentation to San Patricio county requesting funding for the task force.

Met with Coast Guard commanders Captain Hans Govertsen and Captain Jason Gunning to kick off a project to designate Corpus Christi as a Coast Guard city.

Met with executive committee members to discuss the potential of using a portion of the future 1/8 cent tax for projects that will support area military infrastructure.

Received information from CAPT Eric Bromley Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Kingsville on NASK's ongoing project priorities which includes front gate improvements MWR RV park and structural repairs to hangar 4.

Met with Edward Goodroe, Director office of Military Veteran Services Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Continued work on the Governor's committee to support the military to develop legislative priorities supporting military and families for the upcoming session of the Texas Legislature. Authored the section on the report for workforce development and partnering with area schools and universities to develop critically needed skills in aviation repair.

Attended mayors monthly interagency meetings on May 3rd and April 5th

Provided complimentary tickets to Coast Guard Sector members to attend Corpus Christi Tritons football game on Friday April 19

Provided updated and prioritized needs list from Naval Air Station Corpus Christi including Child Development Center, housing challenges, energy resilience project including geothermal, military firefighting training facility, and the need for a fiber optic network on NASCC.

South Texas Military Task Force Budget - Updated June 2024

<u>Contributors/Income</u>	<u>Jun-24</u>	<u>2023 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2024 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2024 YTD Budget</u>
1st Community Bank	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
AEP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
City of Corpus Christi	\$0	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Nueces County	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Port of Corpus Christi	\$0	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$75,000
Frost Bank	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
San Patricio County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Unique Employment HR Services	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Total	\$5,000	\$240,000	\$167,500	\$255,000

<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>Jun-24</u>	<u>2023 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2024 YTD Actual</u>	<u>2024 YTD Budget</u>
Supplies (wings for aviators)	\$0	\$0	\$2,538	\$3,000
Travel & Accomodations	\$0	\$2,739	\$0	\$8,304
Meetings & Quarterly Meetings Expenses	\$493	\$7,830	\$1,295	\$6,000
Exec Director Salary/Allowances Transfer	\$6,849	\$82,188	\$41,094	\$70,392
Chamber support	\$1,400	\$16,800	\$8,400	\$16,800
Lobbying and related expenses	\$11,000	\$132,000	\$68,296	\$134,004
Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,000
Total	\$19,742	\$242,807	\$121,622	\$240,500

