



31 January, 2022

The Honorable Paulette Guajardo
Mayor of Corpus Christi
P.O. Box 9277
Corpus Christi, Texas 78469

RE: 2021 South Texas Military Task Force Semi-Annual Report

Mayor Guajardo,

Thank you and the Corpus Christi City Council for your continued support to our area military installations and the South Texas Military Task Force. This report highlights the work our area's Military Task Force, with the City's support, has accomplished in preserving, protecting, and expanding the value of military facilities in the Coastal Bend Region. Also, per our agreement we have included the accounting of our expenditures for this period in the form of our latest budget. I am available to answer any questions or further discuss details of the items in this report. Feedback is welcome anytime.

Again, thank you for the continued support of the City of Corpus Christi. The South Texas military is stronger because of you.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kresten Cook".

Kresten Cook,
Executive Director, South Texas Military Task Force



**South Texas Military Task Force
Activity Report to the City of Corpus Christi**

July to December 2021

Assisted in setting up Congressman Cuellar's tour of NASCC and CCAD on 17 DEC

Continued coordination with Mayor's chief of Staff, Arlene Medrano to finalize presentation dates for area Senior Military Leader presentations to City Council

Worked with CCNAS and Larry Meyers to see how future DEAAG projects can be expedited through the Navy gift acceptance process.

Researched feasibility of applying for a Defense Critical Infrastructure Program (DCIP) grant to support area military.

Met with Jonathan Huhn, South Central Regional Director, United States Senator John Cornyn, discussed how the senator can better support area military installations. Jonathan also offered to help with setting up appointments with key leaders for our upcoming CB to DC trip.

Received request from Abby McHan, congressman Cloud's Military legislative Assistant on status of CCAD Dynamic Component Repair Facility. Provided her the latest information on the facility status

Responded to a request from County Judge Canales on participating in a new Coastal Bend Strategic Partnership.

Successfully processed the 2022 STMTF agreement with the Port of Corpus Christi.

Participated as emcee at retirement event for Mr. Kevin Rees, Senior Army Aviation Engineer, at DEVCOM, Army Futures Command.

Volunteered with USO South Texas to serve lunch USCG Sector Corpus Christi workforce on 6 July.

Met with CAPT Hans Govertsen, new Commanding Officer, USCG Corpus Christi Sector. Hans presented to City Council, Tuesday, 20 July.

Met with Tito Carrillo, MSgt, USAF, our new regional Air Force Reserve Recruiter.

Sponsored table and attended State of the City event, 15 July

Had discussions with CAPT Hans Govertsen, new Commanding Officer, USCG Corpus Christi Sector on how the STMTF can better support his 730 active duty and auxiliary Coast Guard personnel.

Worked with Ken Griffin and successfully got AEP to reinstate financial support to STMTF.

Met with Judge Canales and Steve Bonner on status of IGSA effort with NASCC and discussed several possibilities the County and NASCC can work on future projects in areas of energy resiliency, DEAAG, and utility improvements. Also discussed plans for upcoming CB to DC trip and received recommendations of offices to visit.

City Council approved FY21 Agreement with the STMTF at their Tuesday 27 July meeting. A minor legal change required re-signing by John LaRue and Peter Zanoni

Inquired CAPT Chris Jason, Commanding Officer, NASCC about the level of community support projects for NASCC. He reported: “Kresten, we’re really happy with the support we’re getting from the County. The IGSA effort is on track and we appreciate all the energy the County team has put into it. We’re also grateful for the outstanding cooperation during natural disasters such as the recent winter freeze. Lastly, we appreciate the Judge’s approach to the future: seeking creative opportunities from energy resilience to new outlying landing fields.”

Attended National Security Innovation Council meeting on Tuesday 27 July. (STMTF were invited to make a presentation at their September meeting)

Planning a meeting with Gary Bradford, John Brier, and Scott Harris on the potential use of Type A or Type B funds towards NAS-CC or the Army Depot, for infrastructure improvements, job retention, etc

Attended Nueces County Commissioners Court Meeting and participated in County Commendation for outgoing CCAD Deputy to the Commander, Mark Wagner

Introduced to Tom McCullough, newest member of Congressman Cloud’s office. Tom will be handling defense and foreign affairs for the congressman.

Contacted CAPT Thomas “Tigger” Korsmo, Commanding Officer, NAS Kingsville and CAPT Chris Jason, Commanding Officer, NAS Corpus Christi to be speakers September and October Speakers at Corpus Christi City Council.

Worked Agendas, invitations, and logistics for STMTF Executive Committee meeting on 6 AUG, and STMTF Quarterly Meeting on 11 August.

Prepared and mailed out STMTF Semi-Annual Report to the City of Corpus Christi and the STMTF 3rd Quarterly Report to the Port of Corpus Christi

Continued to work on Conquer the Coast Bike Ride planning committee. Reviewed details of engineered traffic control plans.

Contacted all area military commanders and invited them and their guests to the Annual Military Appreciation Dove Hunt scheduled for 16 September, 2021.

Encouraged STMTF members and area congressional representatives to support the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which will have a positive impact on our area military installations.

Prepared agenda and meeting coordination for the 24 September STMTF Executive Committee Meeting

Continued to support and participate in the 2021 Conquer the Coast Bike Ride. STMTF logo was printed on participant t-shirts and ride jerseys.

Coordinated all invitations and communications with military legal offices for the annual Military Appreciation Dove Hunt hosted by First Community Bank and Wes Hoskins. This year's event had senior and enlisted representatives from USCG-CC, NASK, NASCC, CCAD, CNATRA, MATSG-22, and TRAWING-2.

Offered CCAD Commander, COL Parker and Chief of Staff Tom Bamford support in this year's DEAG application process. DEAG grants from the State are now being accepted with a deadline of 12 Nov.

Carefully watching personnel cuts in Navy Base Ops in Atlantic and Midwest Shore Facilities. Our Navy Southeast Region could be look at as well. Stars and Stripes article:

<https://www.stripes.com/branches/navy/2021-09-22/navy-cutting-500-civilian-jobs-mid-atlantic-midwest>

Offered support to Corpus Christi Army Depot Commander, COL Joseph Parker with their application package for the Texas Defense Economic Assistance Adjustment Grant (DEAG) which has a deadline of 12 Nov. Our area Texas Military Preparedness commissioner, Garry Bradford also offered assistance to CCAD.

Received invitation from NASCC to meet Rear Admiral Lindsey, Commander of Naval Installations when he visits Corpus Christi on 2 Nov. Coordinating with NASCC and the local Navy Legal Office to get ethics approval for STMTF/ First Community Bank event to host for a small gathering.

Provided resources for "talking points" to Larry Meyers to emphasize the military value of area military operations for STMTF group visiting DC next month.

Preparing to attend Association of Defense Communities' Installation Innovation 2021 Event in San Antonio 1-3 November.

Coordinating a STMTF meet and greet session with Vice Admiral Yancey Lindsey, Commander, Naval Installations Command when he visits Corpus Christi most likely on 1 November. Working with NASCC and local Navy Legal Office to get ethics approval for STMTF/ First Community Bank event to host for this small gathering.

Contacted Army Aviation Association of America officials to co-sponsor with the City of Corpus Christi a networking reception at the upcoming (in December) Luther Jones Aviation Summit

Attended Association of Defense Communities' Installation Innovation 2021 Event in San Antonio 1-3 November.

Attended belated retirement celebration for CAPT Tony Hahn, former Commander of USCG-Corpus Christi Sector.

Received good news that the Inter-Governmental Support Agreement (IGSA) between Nueces County and NASCC is complete. Invited to attend County Commissioners meeting next Wednesday 27 October to support the agreement's approval by the Commissioner's Court.

Supported UCCCC/STMTF Coastal Bend to DC trip with talking points on military value of our local installations.

Following up on a few overdue STMTF supporter financial invoices and starting to work on 2022 budget.

Hosted Vice Admiral Yancey B. Lindsey, Commander, Naval Installations Command and area Navy leadership, for a meet and greet session with STMTF members on 2 November at First Community Bank's Community Room.

Prepared and delivered a STMTF letter of support for Texas Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) for a City of Corpus Christi and NASCC project to acquire a restrictive use easement for a 50-acre site in the Clear Zone for Naval Outlying Field (NOLF) Cabaniss Field, operated by Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC).

Prepared agenda, organized meeting details and sent out invitations for the STMTF Quarterly Meeting on 10 November to be held at the Ortiz Center.

Invited to attend signing ceremony for the latest Intergovernmental Support Agreements between Nueces County and NASCC.

Made all arrangements and held the STMTF Quarterly meeting on 10 November. Attendees included County Judge Canales, Mayor Guajardo and congressman Cloud .

Attended the Port of Corpus Christi new building dedication and the State of the Port Annual Luncheon. Assisted the Chamber team at the event.

Learned about a Military Out Load (MOL) upcoming at the Port of Corpus Christi and made introductions of Corpus Christi Army Depot POCs to Port and Coast Guard participants for pre-planning meetings. This MOL includes Army aircraft and CCAD is often called in for support.

Working with Port and Workforce Solutions contacts to promote job opportunities for Military spouses.

Provided STMTF update to the Port of Corpus Christi Commissioners meeting on Tuesday 16 Nov.

Updated and submitted proposed 2022 STMTF agreement with the Port of Corpus Christi. Agreement was approved.

Attended Corpus Christi Mayor's Interagency meeting hosted by Workforce Solutions. Working with Workforce Solutions to communicate programs for hiring military spouses to area military installations.

Coordinated logistics for STMTF reception at 7 DEC Luther Jones Aviation Forum held by Army Aviation Association of America. Sent invite and registration instructions to all STMTF members.

Participated in 2022 strategic planning sessions with the United Corpus Christi Chamber team.

Prepared press release for historic Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) between Nueces County and NAS Corpus Christi. This IGSA will help create additional area jobs, save taxpayer dollars and expedite much needed infrastructure repairs at NASCC. The Task Force was recognized for supporting this effort and received local news coverage.

Prepared STMTF overview presentation for the upcoming Army Aviation Association of America Luther Jones Forum to be held at the Ortiz Center on 7 December.

Finalized and received approval for the STMTF 2022 Budget

Received a warm Thank You note from Vice Admiral Lindsey, Commander of Naval Installations for the reception STMTF held in his honor on his recent visit to Corpus Christi.

Sent out invitation to REP Cuellar's 17 DEC Fundraiser to STMTF executive committee

Coordinated with CCAD and NASCC leadership on potential tour of the base next week with REP Cuellar.

Met with MG Todd Royar, Commanding Officer, Army Aviation and Missile Command, CCAD's Headquarters.

Looked into past invoices for STMTF Quarterly Breakfasts and found one invoice that STMTF was improperly billed for (last November 2020) as that event was held 100% virtually.

At the request of CAPT Jason, looked into a potential miscommunication involving scope of work requirements for the future CNATRA house. Ensured the matter was cleared up.

Participated as emcee at retirement event for Mr. Kevin Rees, Senior Army Aviation Engineer, at DEVCOM, Army Futures Command.

Attended State of the County luncheon and assisted UCCCC staff at the event

Met with several members of Leadership Corpus Christi Class 50 and provided an overview of the Military Task Force.

Spoke at the Army Aviation Association of America Luther Jones Aviation Forum at the Ortiz Center on 7 December. Provided an overview of the STMTF. Co-hosted with the City the reception event on Tuesday night.

Respectfully submitted,

**KRESTEN COOK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SOUTH TEXAS MILITARY TASK FORCE**