

**Report to the City of Corpus Christi
South Texas Military Facilities Task Force
July 2019**

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MISSION:

- To preserve, protect, and expand the value of the military facilities in the Coastal Bend Region of Texas
- Increase awareness of the military and economic value and impact of these facilities within the regional community
- Act as a liaison and provide legislative advocacy for these facilities at local, state and federal levels
- Communicate community support of these facilities to their respective military command structures

REPORT:

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Some of the activities the Task Force worked on in 2019:

- Supported the efforts of the City of Corpus Christi in successfully applying for two state funded Defense Economic Assistance Adjustment Grants (DEAAG) for a duplicate water line to support NASCC / CCAD industrial water needs and a security perimeter fence around CCAD
- Regularly met with State Representative Todd Hunter regarding wind energy project encroachment issues
- Made regular visits to CCAD, NASCC and CNATRA leadership to discuss any emerging issues or concerns
- Supported several Texas State Legislature efforts including: SB 1200 related to occupational licensing for military spouses stationed in Texas and HB 2535 to make the DEAAG process more accessible to all military communities in Texas
- Attended the Association of Defense Communities Conference for presentations on infrastructure issues and possible decrease of military construction funding (MILCON)
- Sponsored the Quad A Luther Jones Army Aviation Depot Forum community reception - over 100 attended
- Assisted in facilitating dialog among the City of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi Independent School District and NASCC regarding the safety concerns and location of the proposed Mary Carroll High School
- Sponsored the Wings Over South Texas air show chalet for 50 community members

- Maintained regular phone meetings with Meyers & Associates in Washington to ensure communication with the Texas congressional delegation regarding Army, Navy and Coast Guard issues
- Through Meyers & Associates, encouraged the strengthening of the Congressional Depot Caucus providing background papers on the 50/50 rule and commercial product definition

Emerging Issues:

- Encroachment issues regarding a wind energy project in LaSalle and Zapata counties (126 turbines, 500 feet tall) which could impact the NAS Kingsville training mission
- NASCC and the City will update the 2013 Joint Land Use Study providing an opportunity to continue to address encroachment issues
- Congressional action on the 2020 NDAA and defense appropriations

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Some of the activities the Task Force worked on since the July 2019 report:

- Continued monthly meetings of the executive board of the Task Force and quarterly meetings of the entire Task Force
- Traveled to Washington for meetings with Army, Navy and Coast Guard leadership and congressional offices, reporting on community support for the military and inquiring of upcoming needs or issues
- Retained new local staff leadership for the Task Force
- Worked with City Staff and with local and Washington Navy leadership and the Governor's staff regarding housing needs
- Hosted Fall Dove Hunt for 30+ military leadership and enlisted personnel
- Working with the offices of Congressmen Cloud and Vela and Senators Cornyn and Cruz to restore \$43 million in CCAD funding that was eliminated during House consideration of the 2021 NDAA and defense appropriations
- Monitored meeting of the Congressional Depot Caucus and reported to Task Force Leadership
- Maintained contact with command structure at CCAD and NASCC; reported on to check impact of the proposed transfer of supervisory functions to IMCOM (huge impact for some Depots, but little impact on CCAD)

- Met with Congressmen Cloud's and Thornberry's staff regarding 2021 NDAA and defense appropriations issues
- Met with Siting Clearing House leadership regarding windfarm encroachment on training routes
- Met with representatives of Shell Renewables regarding geothermal energy for NASCC / CCAD
- Met with representatives of Circon Energy regarding DOE funding for a plastic waste to energy project for NASCC / CCAD
- Through Meyers & Associates maintained close contact with congressional offices

Emerging Issues:

- Preparation for 2021 NDAA and defense appropriations (see attached planning paper)
- Continued work with the City and community in the updating the 2013 Joint Land Use Study
- Congressional action on the 2020 NDAA and defense appropriations
- Task Force representatives' trip to Washington
- Update needed for Economic Value and Military Value background papers (attached)