

BASE VISIT REPORT**Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay****17 June 2005****LEAD ANALYST:** Hal Tickle**LIST OF ATTENDEES:**

Captain McKinnon - Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay
 CDR Cole - Executive Officer, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay
 CDR Fahey - Public Works Officer, Submarine Base Kings Bay
 CDR Tucker - Security Officer, Submarine Base Kings Bay
 Ms. Dotson - Business Manager, Submarine Base Kings Bay
 Mr. Buczek - Public Affairs Officer, Submarine Base Kings Bay
 Mr. Carin - Planner, Submarine Base Kings Bay

Ms. Mungin - City of Kingsland - City Manager
 Mr. Noble - Camden County Joint Development Authority - Executive Director
 Mr. Yourstone - The Camden Partnership, Inc - Executive Director

The Honorable Cecily Hill - Georgia House of Representatives
 Mr. Grismer - Legislative Assistant for Congressman Jack Kingston, 1st District

NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE KINGS BAY MISSION:

- Deliver support to the strategic warfighter
- 44 Tenant Commands including: one Flag Officer Command (Commander, Subgroup Ten), five Major Commands (Submarine Squadron Sixteen, Submarine Squadron Twenty, Trident Refit Facility, Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic and Trident Training Facility), seven SSBNs (two will shift homeports to Bangor, Washington 10/2005) two SSGNs (undergoing shipyard conversion, one delivers next year and the second in 2007), 26 other Navy/Government and eight non-Government tenants with 4724 Active and Reserve Duty military, 2224 Civilians and 1605 Contractors.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION:

- Close Naval Submarine Base New London, CT. Relocate its assigned submarines, Auxiliary Repair Dock 4 (ARDM-4), and Nuclear Research Submarine 1 (NR-1) along with their dedicated personnel, equipment and support to Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA, and Naval Station Norfolk, VA. Relocate the intermediate submarine repair function to Shore Intermediate Repair Activity Norfolk, at Naval Shipyard Norfolk, VA, and Trident Refit Facility Kings Bay, GA. Relocate the Naval Submarine School and Center for Submarine Learning to Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA.

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- Realign Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral, FL, by relocating Nuclear Test and Evaluation at the Naval Ordnance Test Unit to Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic, Kings Bay, GA.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JUSTIFICATION:

- The existing berthing capacity at surface/subsurface installations exceeds the capacity required to support the Force Structure Plan. The closure of Submarine Base New London materially contributes to the maximum reduction of excess capacity while increasing the average military value of the remaining bases in this functional area. Sufficient capacity and fleet dispersal is maintained with the East Coast submarine fleet homeports of Naval Station Norfolk and Submarine Base Kings Bay, without affecting operational capability. The intermediate submarine repair function is relocated to Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Norfolk at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, and the Trident Refit Facility Kings Bay, GA, in support of the relocating submarines.
- This recommendation realigns the stand-alone east coast facility working in fullscale Nuclear Test & Evaluation at Cape Canaveral into a fully supported Navy nuclear operational site at Kings Bay to gain synergy in security (Anti-Terrorism Force Protection-ATFP), Fleet operational support and mission support infrastructure. Since 1956, the Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) Program, in support of the TRIDENT (D-Series) Missile, has executed land-based (pad) as well as sea-based (SSBN) test launches supported by the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) at Cape Canaveral, FL. This facility provided both the launch support infrastructure as well as docking for sea-based pre- and post-launch events. Recent changes in ATFP requirements, the recent establishment of the Western Test Range in the Pacific, and the programmatic decision to no longer require land based (pad) launches at Cape Canaveral all lead to the realignment/relocation of this function to Kings Bay. This action aligns nicely with the overall Weapons and Armaments strategy to move smaller activities at remote sites into larger facilities to realize a significant synergy in support functions and costs while maintaining mission capability.

MAIN FACILITIES REVIEWED:

- Trident Refit Facility
- Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic
- Trident Training Facility
- Piers, dry dock, weapons loading docks, housing, base support facilities, recreational areas, potential building sites

KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED

- Capacity to accommodate submarines, training school and maintenance and associated personnel and equipment from Submarine Base New London
- Capacity to accommodate Naval Ordnance Test Unit relocation

INSTALLATION CONCERNS RAISED

- Timely receipt of all MILCON funds associated with recommended actions

COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED:

- Under estimating Camden County's ability to accommodate increase in personnel associated with DoD recommendation

REQUESTS FOR STAFF AS A RESULT OF VISIT:

- There were no requests for additional visits