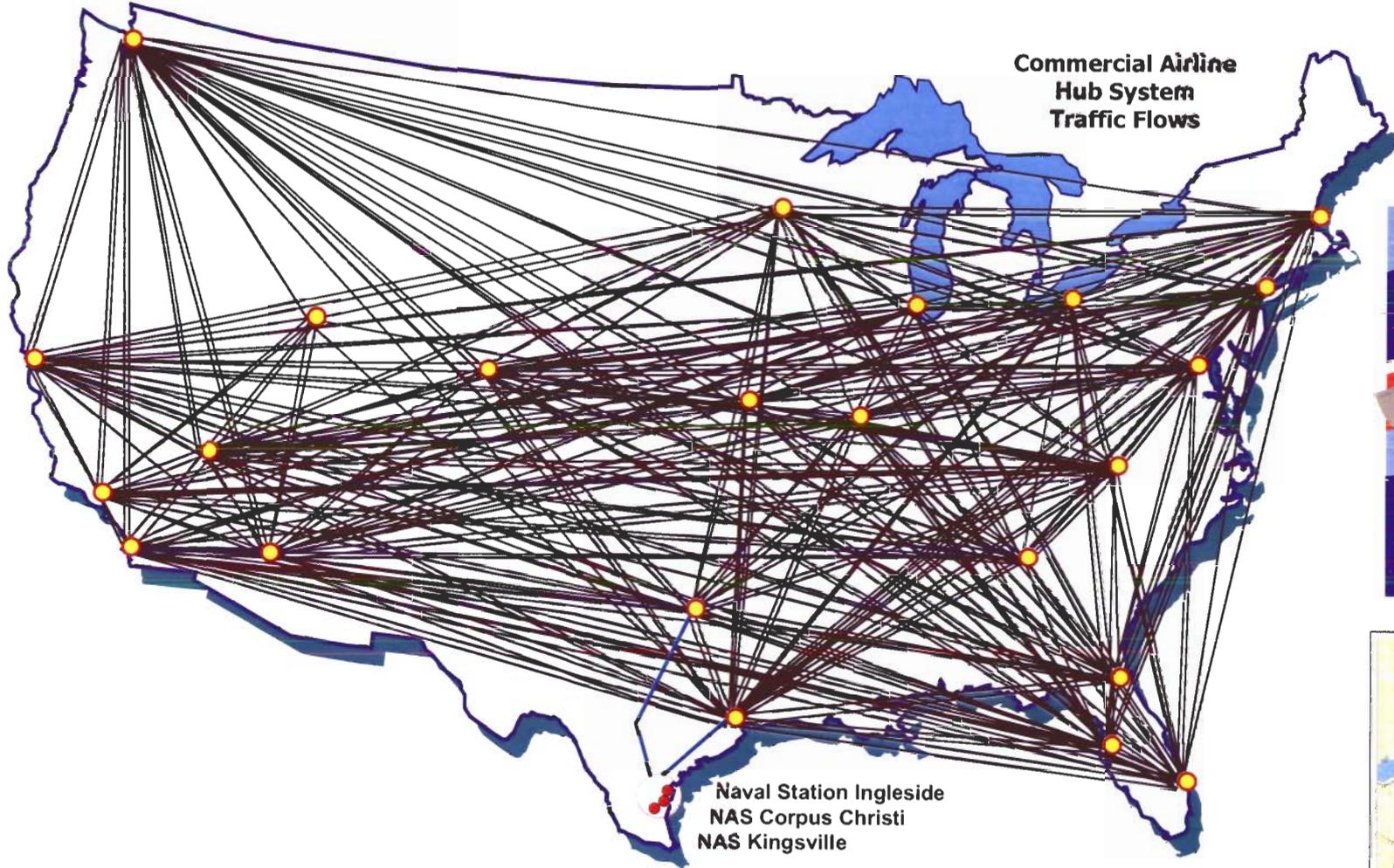
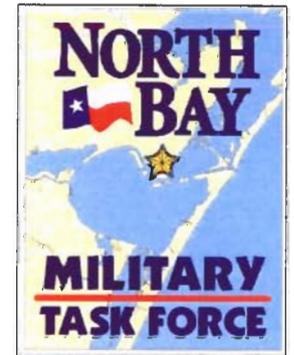


South Texas Is Not Fly-Over Country



Source: Base Analysis Team



103-06A - General - Community Input
 General - State - Texas - South Texas is Not
 Fly-Over Country
 BRAC COMMISSION - FY 2005
 COFF: DISPOSITION: Permanent

Today's Presenters



**Roger Williams,
Texas Secretary of State**



**Rear Admiral
Paul J. Ryan,
USN (Ret)
Former Commander,
Mine Warfare Command
During Operation Iraqi Freedom**



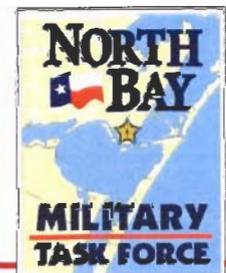
**Vice Admiral
Albert H. Konetzni, Jr.,
USN (Ret)
Former Deputy Commander,
U.S. Fleet Forces Command
& U.S. Atlantic Fleet,
Responsible for Homeland
Defense Mission**



**Loyd Neal
Former Mayor,
City of Corpus Christi (1997-2005)
Chairman, South Texas Military
Facilities Task Force;
Chairman, Chamber of Commerce
Military Affairs Committee - 1980s**



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U.S. Atlantic Fleet**

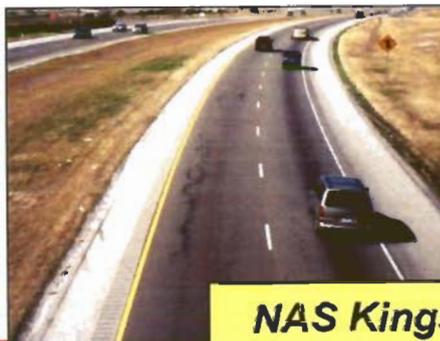
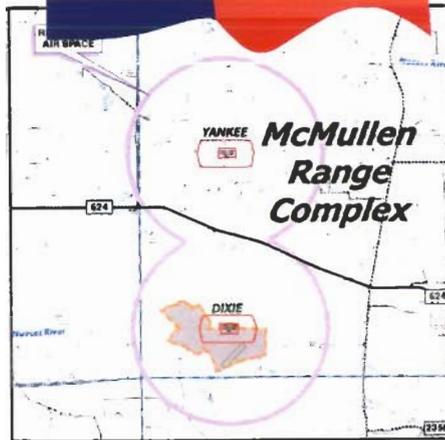
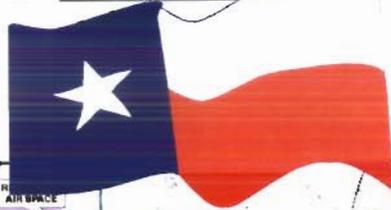


South Texas Military Complex Provides DOD A Unique Set of Capabilities on the Gulf Coast



- ◆ **Strategic Location**
- ◆ **South Texas - No Encroachment**
- ◆ **Mine Warfare Center of Excellence**
- ◆ **NSI + NAS Kingsville + NAS Corpus Christi = Unmatched 21st Century Training & Basing**

Gov.
Rick
Perry



State of Texas Package

- ◆ **\$50 million** - Texas Enterprise Fund grant
 - Governor, Lt. Governor & Speaker approval required
 - Can be used for any purpose. Texas suggests:
 - Expand McMullen Range Complex
 - Create Air Combat Maneuvering Instrumented Range under South Texas Offshore Military Warning Area
- ◆ **\$100 million** - TxDOT projects
 - Expansion of Kingsville-to-Corpus Christi highway
 - Transportation projects at Naval Air Station Kingsville
- ◆ **\$200 million** - Low interest loans to local communities to support Navy needs
- ◆ **\$15 million** - Naval Station Ingleside rail spur
- ◆ While South Texas can accommodate the entire F/A-18 mission currently at NAS Oceana, the same package would be available for the realignment of the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) alone to NAS Kingsville

NAS Kingsville's cost efficiencies bolster the military value arguments for relocating NAS Oceana's strike fighter aircraft to South Texas

Closing NSI Causes the Nation to Lose a Strategic Staging Area for Homeland Defense

BRAC FINAL SELECTION CRITERIA - P. Law 108-375:

In selecting military installations for closure or realignment, the Department of Defense, giving priority consideration to military value (the first four criteria below), will consider:

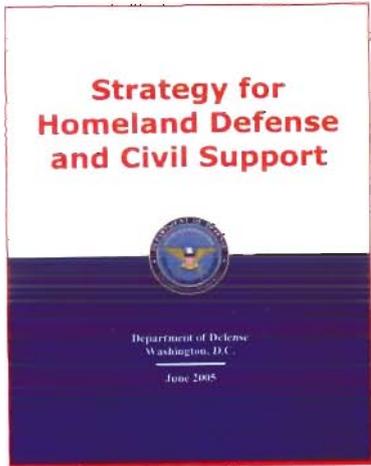
Military Value

1. The current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the total force of the Department of Defense, including the impact on joint warfighting, training, and readiness.
2. The availability and condition of land, facilities, and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain areas and staging areas for the use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations.
3. The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, surge, and future total force requirements at both existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training.
4. The cost of operations and the manpower implications.



- ◆ **Criterion 2 includes "staging areas for use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions."**
- ◆ **The loss of a permanent Naval presence on the Gulf Coast creates a strategic vulnerability to our national military and economic interests.**
- ◆ **Recommendation thus substantially deviates from Criterion 2.**

Strategic Importance: Ingleside Provides Homeland Defense For Southern Coast



Corpus Christi & Beaumont Are Tier 1 Strategic Deployment Ports in the Gulf

What Needs Protection?

Offshore Oil & Gas Production

Commercial Shipping Lanes

Refining and Chemical Industries

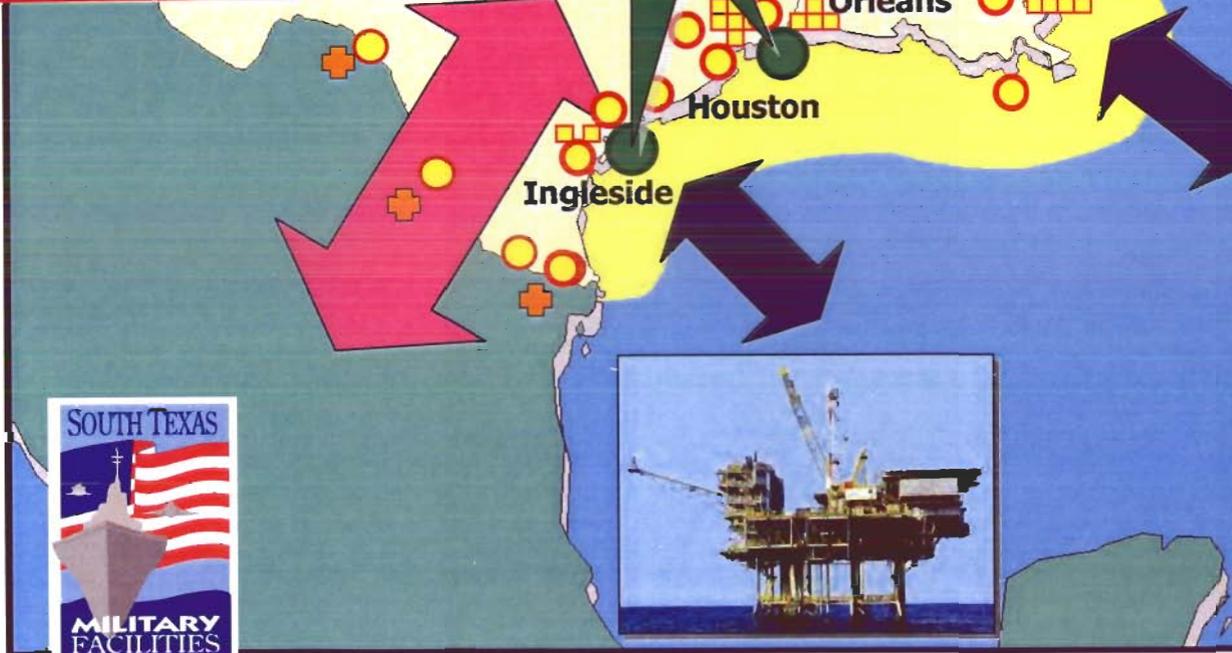
NAFTA Overland Trade

Gulf of Mexico Wells Account for 27% of the Natural Gas And 28% of the Crude Oil Produced Annually In the United States

Gulf Ports Handle Most Of The USA's Crude Oil Imports And Many Other Cargos

Gulf Coast Refineries Have 7.7 million barrels/day Capacity, Half the Nation's Total

Interruptions In Overland Trade From Northern Mexico Would Have Major Economic Impacts



Gulf Shipping Choke Points Need Protection

If NSI was too strategically important to give up in 1993 – before Sept. 11th – then it is even more important today when the enemy is terrorism.

Top Ten U.S. Ports ('02 Tonnage)

Long Beach

New York

Corpus Christi
Houston
Texas City
Beaumont

South Louisiana
Plaquemines
New Orleans
Baton Rouge

Straits of Florida

These 8 Gulf Ports Accounted for 80% of the 1 Billion Tons Moved by the Nation's Top Ten Ports

Energy, Grain & Military Deployment Cargoes Make Gulf Shipping Lanes Vital to Strategic & Economic Security

Gulf of Mexico

NORTH EUROPE
MEDITERRANEAN
SUEZ CANAL

"For the first time, with Naval Station Ingleside, the United States Navy has the capability to support an aircraft carrier battle group in the Gulf of Mexico . . . it is a capability we do not want to give up."

- Aug 1993: VADM Steve Loftus USN,
Deputy Chief Naval Operations,
Readiness & Logistics (N-4)

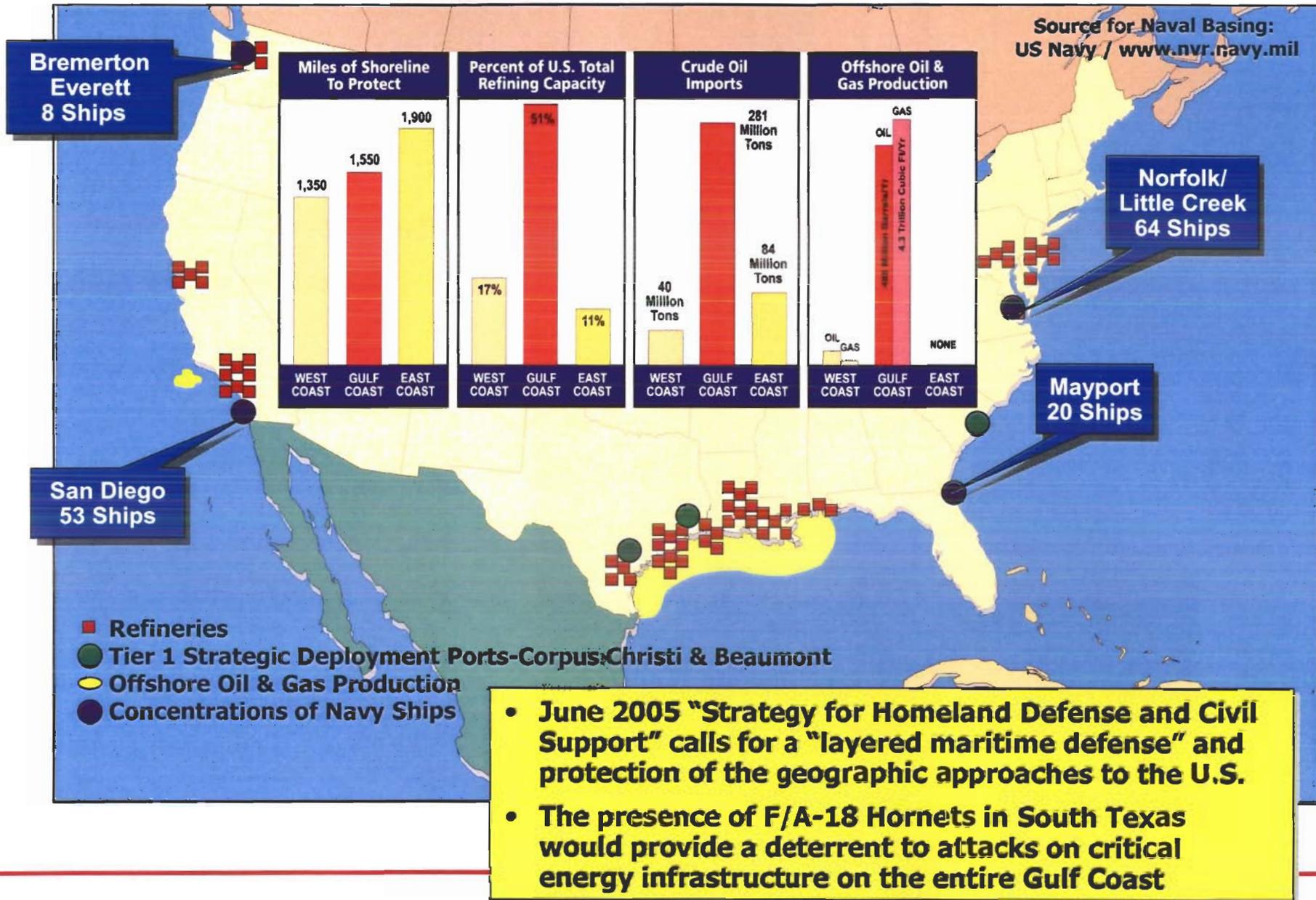
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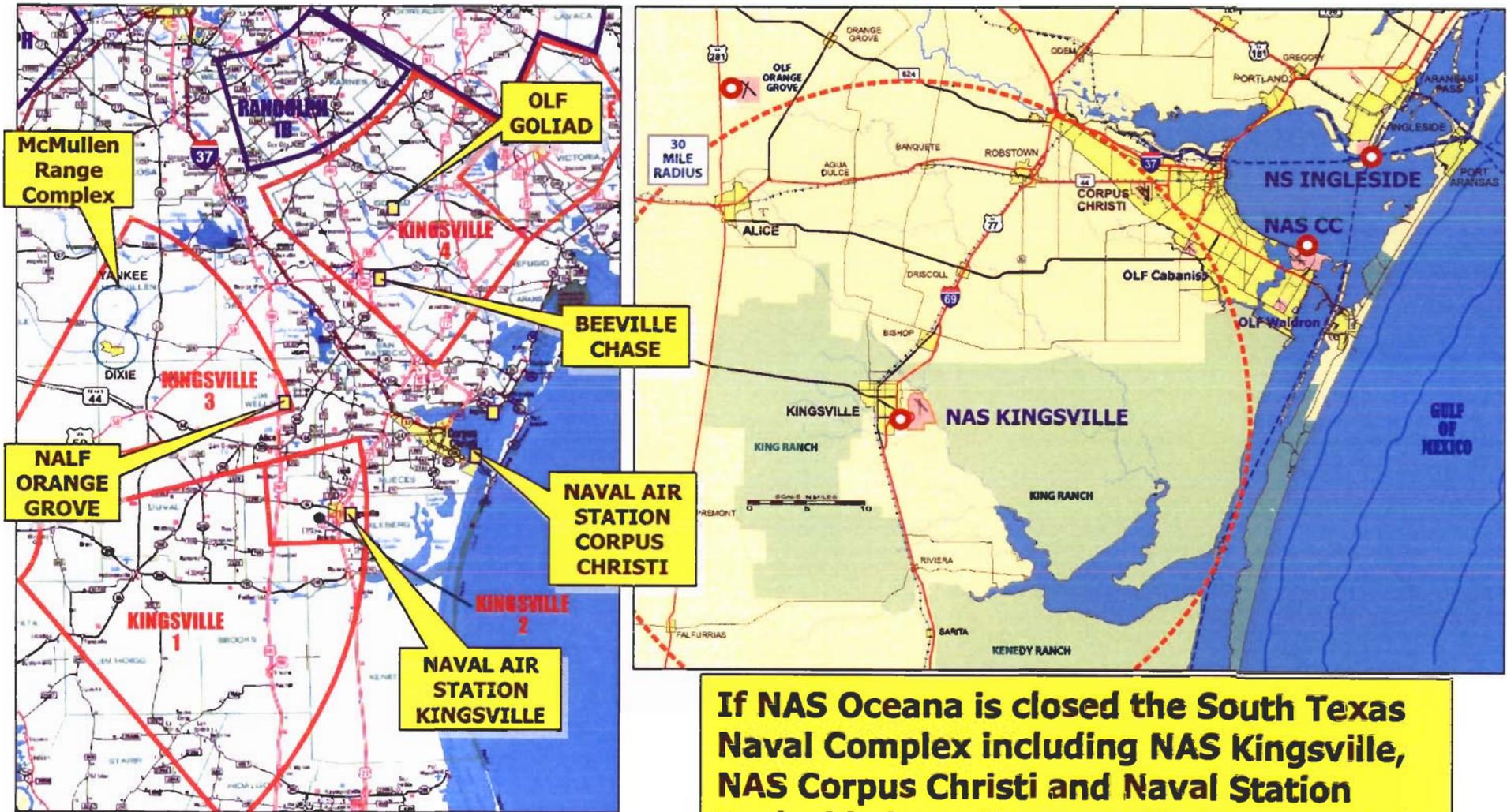
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Naval Assets & Strategic Targets Post BRAC '05



Should NAS Oceana Be Closed or Realigned, South Texas Is A Viable Option

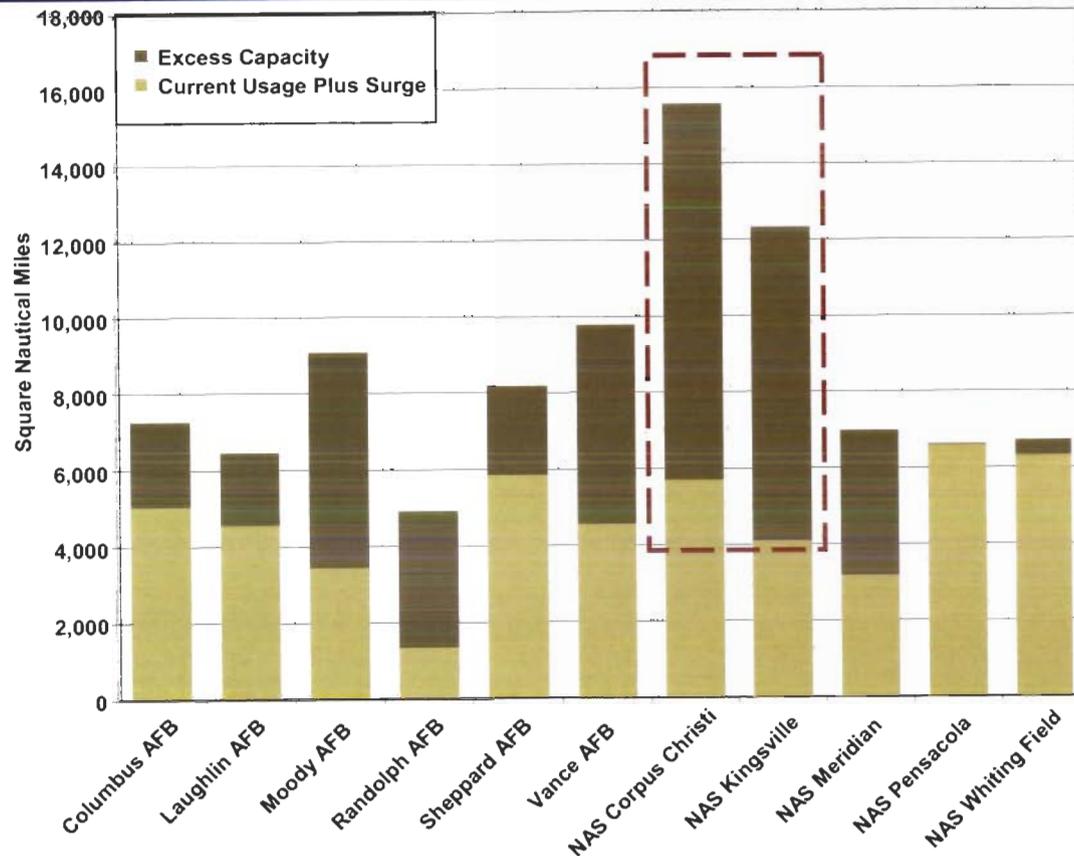


If NAS Oceana is closed the South Texas Naval Complex including NAS Kingsville, NAS Corpus Christi and Naval Station Ingleside have the capacity to carry out NAS Oceana's F/A-18 Mission

**Access
to
Airspace**

The Joint Cross Service Group Recognized Kingsville & Corpus Christi as the Top Flight Training Bases In Terms of Airspace Capacity

Excess Airspace Capacity



Source: Education and Training JCSG analysis

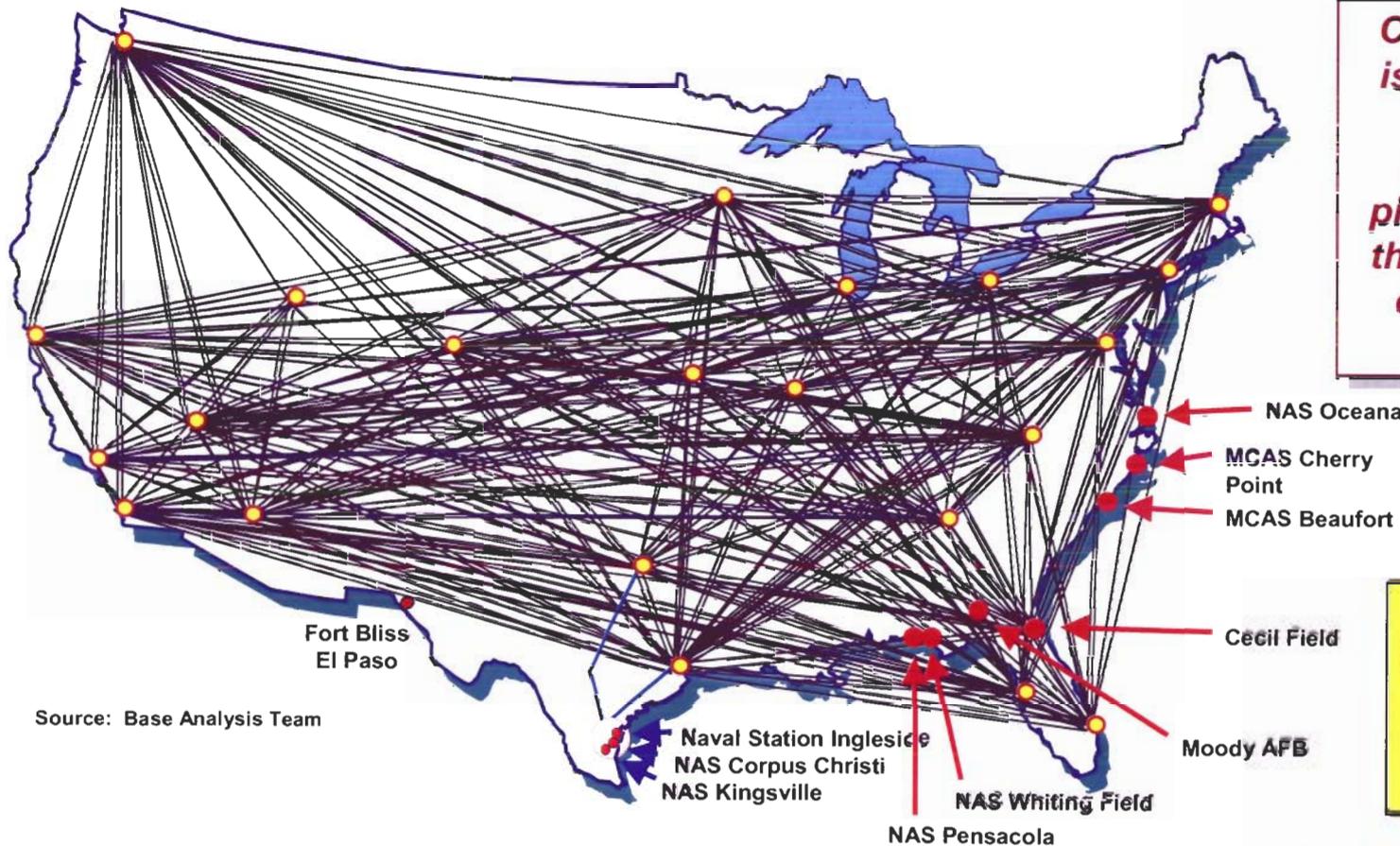
Analysis

- ◆ NAS Kingsville has access to 12,338 square nautical miles of airspace and NAS Corpus Christi has access to 15,569 square nautical miles
- ◆ 67% of NAS Kingsville's airspace is currently unused; NAS Corpus Christi has 63% excess capacity
- ◆ The FAA indicates that lateral limits in South Texas can be expanded to accommodate F/A-18 training requirements

Infrastructure can be replicated anywhere across the country — unimpeded access to quality airspace is geographically contingent and unique to South Texas

South Texas Benefits From Airspace Unencumbered by Commercial Air Routes

Commercial Air Traffic



Source: Base Analysis Team

Crowded airspace is a limiting factor in effectively training F/A-18 pilots anywhere on the East Coast and especially in the Southeast

Airspace is an asset that cannot be replicated anywhere else in the country.

South Texas airspace is notable not only for its capacity, but also for its quality – there are virtually no usage limitations

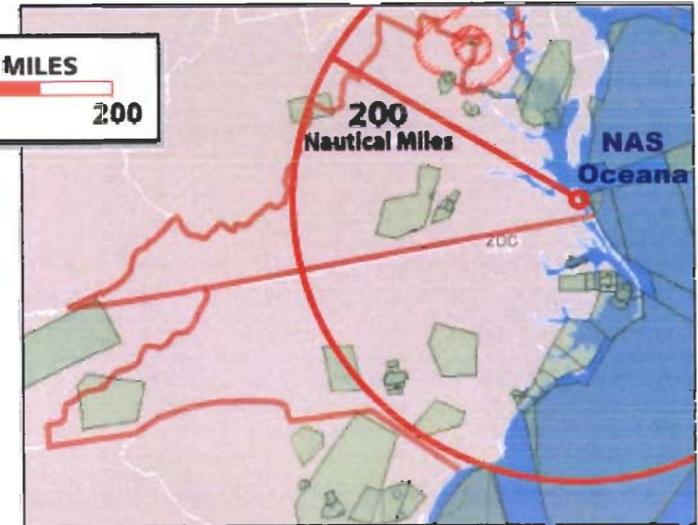
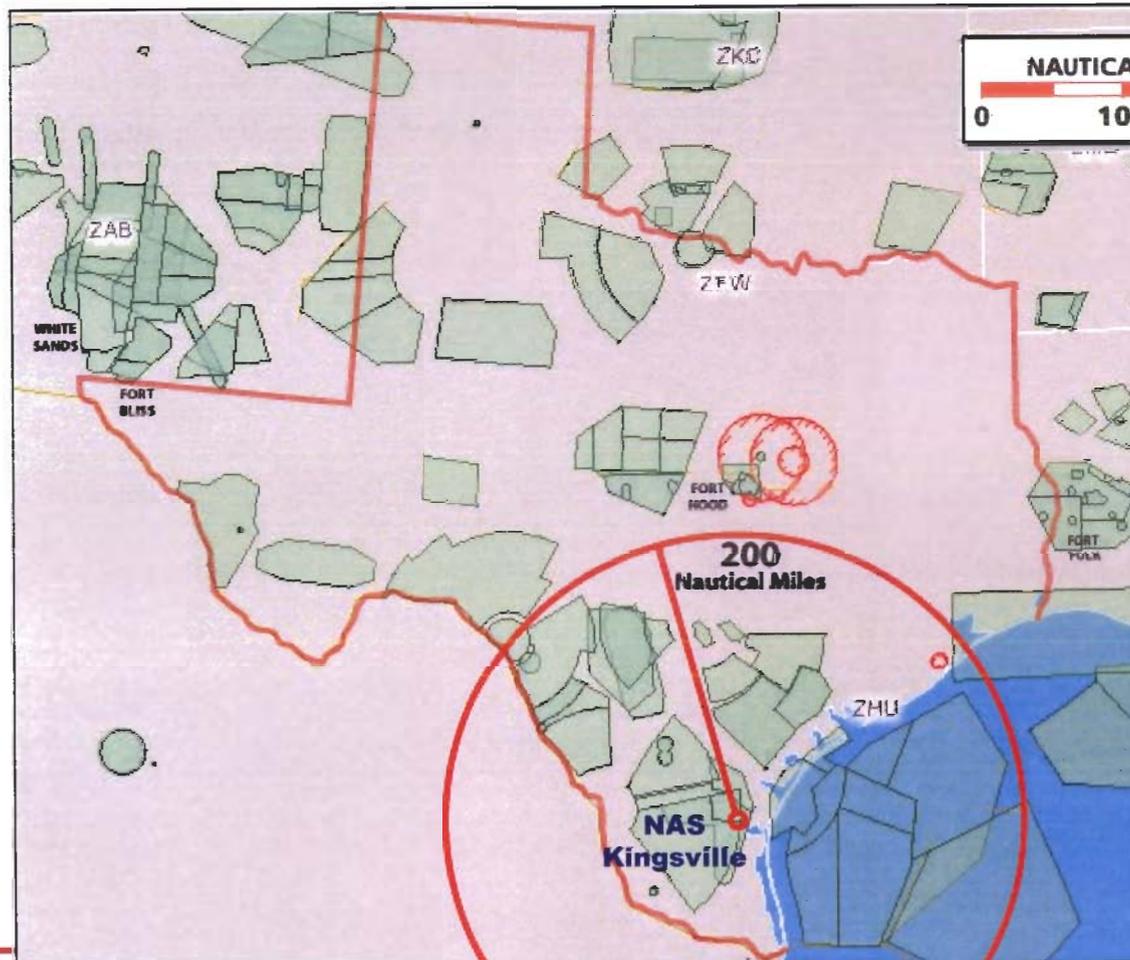
Access
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Volume of Special Use Airspace Greater In Texas than in Virginia & North Carolina

Special Use Airspace

Texas

Virginia and North Carolina

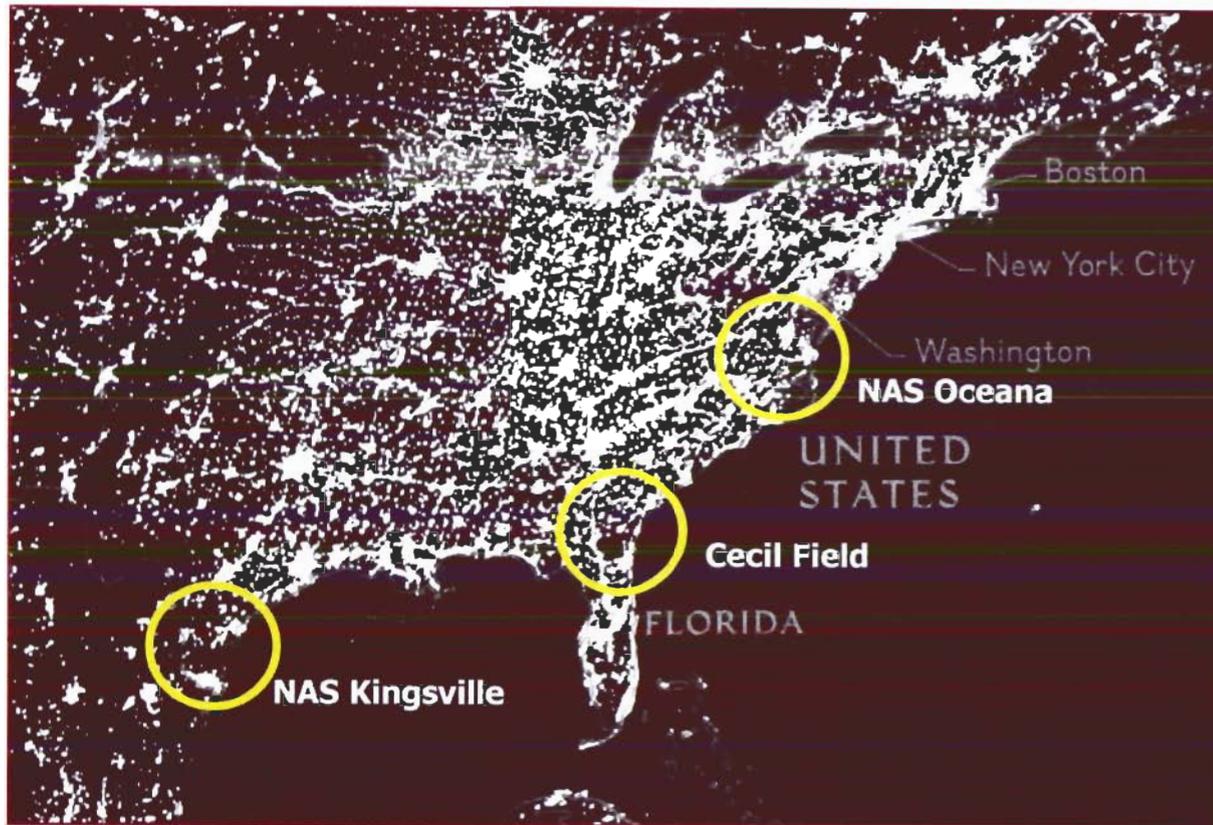


Texas has substantial airspace available for training missions; the benefits of moving assets to South Texas are clear

Lack
of
Encroachment

Encroachment Is a Significant Challenge To Basing F/A-18s on the East Coast

Population Density



South Texas is the only area that offers the Navy a long-term solution to its encroachment problems

Analysis

- ◆ Not unique to Virginia Beach or Northern Florida, encroachment is a function of population density on the entire East Coast and much of the Eastern United States
- ◆ Encroachment is irreversible – the only solution is relocation to an area with no encroachment issues
- ◆ Relocation of NAS Oceana's assets to a far less densely populated area, such as South Texas, would significantly improve safety and provide better access to training areas

Encroachment is Simply Not an Issue at NASK; Local Government is Committed to Prevention

Lack of
Encroachment

Encroaching Development



King Ranch

The airfield at NAS Kingsville is surrounded by more than three million acres of ranch land under Military Operations Areas — providing more overland training area for fleet training than NAS Oceana

Texas Ranges Offer A Variety of Training Opportunities Not Available on East Coast

Potential Training Enhancements

Joint Training

- ◆ Heavy US Military presence in the region combined with superior ranges allow for numerous types of 4-Service joint training
- ◆ Ability to conduct JCAS training with operational divisions at Fort Hood without refueling
- ◆ The Services recognize the value of quality ranges in Texas and are looking for the opportunity to conduct Joint training operations in the region



Resources allow for Joint training opportunities not possible on the East Coast

Training Environment

- ◆ The Gulf of Mexico approximates conditions in Arabian Gulf and other shallow water theaters
 - Water depths, warm weather conditions and offshore structures are similar
 - The distance from the Western Gulf of Mexico to the ranges at Fort Bliss and White Sands is 605 miles, similar to the distances carrier based aircraft are required to travel in Iraq and Afghanistan



NAS Kingsville provides pilots realistic training opportunities not found elsewhere in CONUS

Air-to-Ground Training

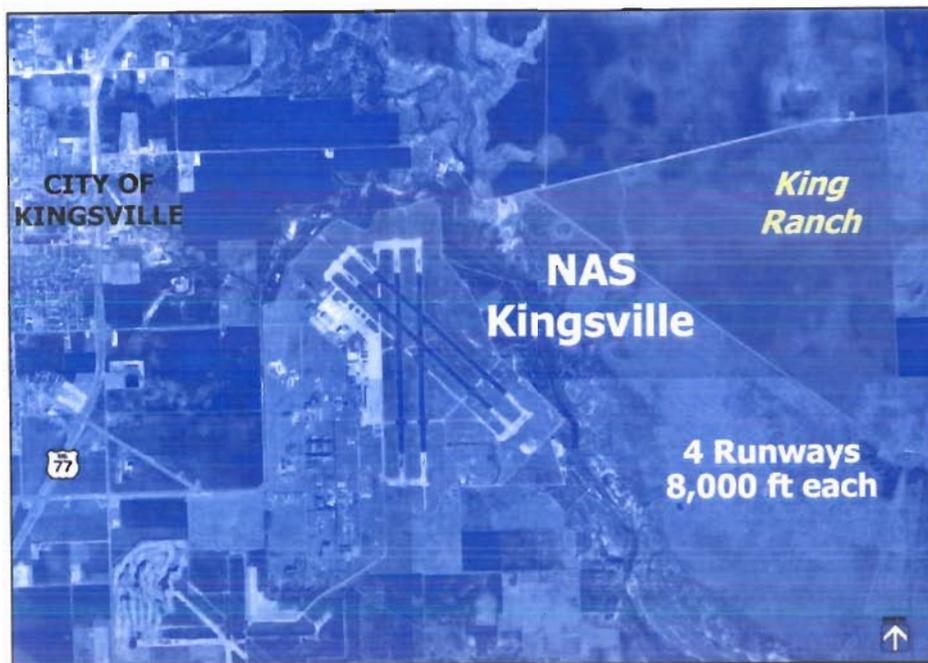
- ◆ Current access to air-to-ground ranges is comparable for NAS Kingsville/McMullen and NAS Oceana/Dare County
- ◆ Live ordnance ranges available at Fort Hood (340 sq. miles)
- ◆ Live JDAM/JSOW training available at White Sands (1,750 sq. miles)
- ◆ The McMullen Range expansion proposal offers the potential for live fire training only 70 miles from NAS Kingsville



Kingsville's access to air-to-ground ranges is better than at NAS Oceana

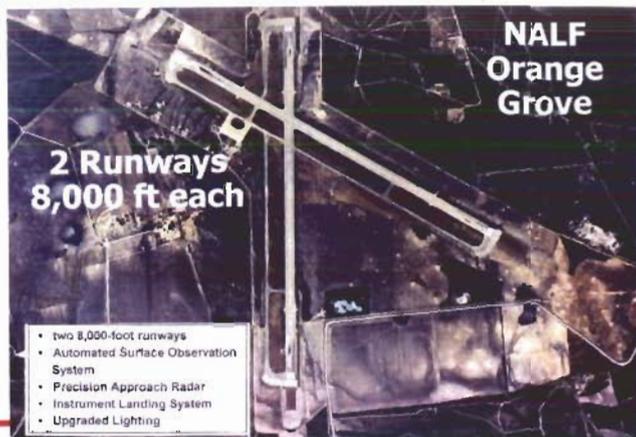
**MILITARY
VALUE**

South Texas Has Abundant Existing Airfield & Airspace Operational Capacity



Annual Airfield Operations	
Kingsville - monthly air operations (300-PTR scenario)	429,166
Orange Grove - monthly air operations (300-PTR scenario)	161,732
TOTAL CAPACITY (as is)*	590,898
Kingsville Current Usage	205,205
Current Excess Capacity	385,693
Oceana-Fentress Current Usage	320,000
South Texas Excess Capacity After Receiving New Mission	65,693
*NAS Kingsville Airfield and Airspace Operational Study Report, 2/21/95, submitted to Naval Engineering Command, Alexandria, VA	

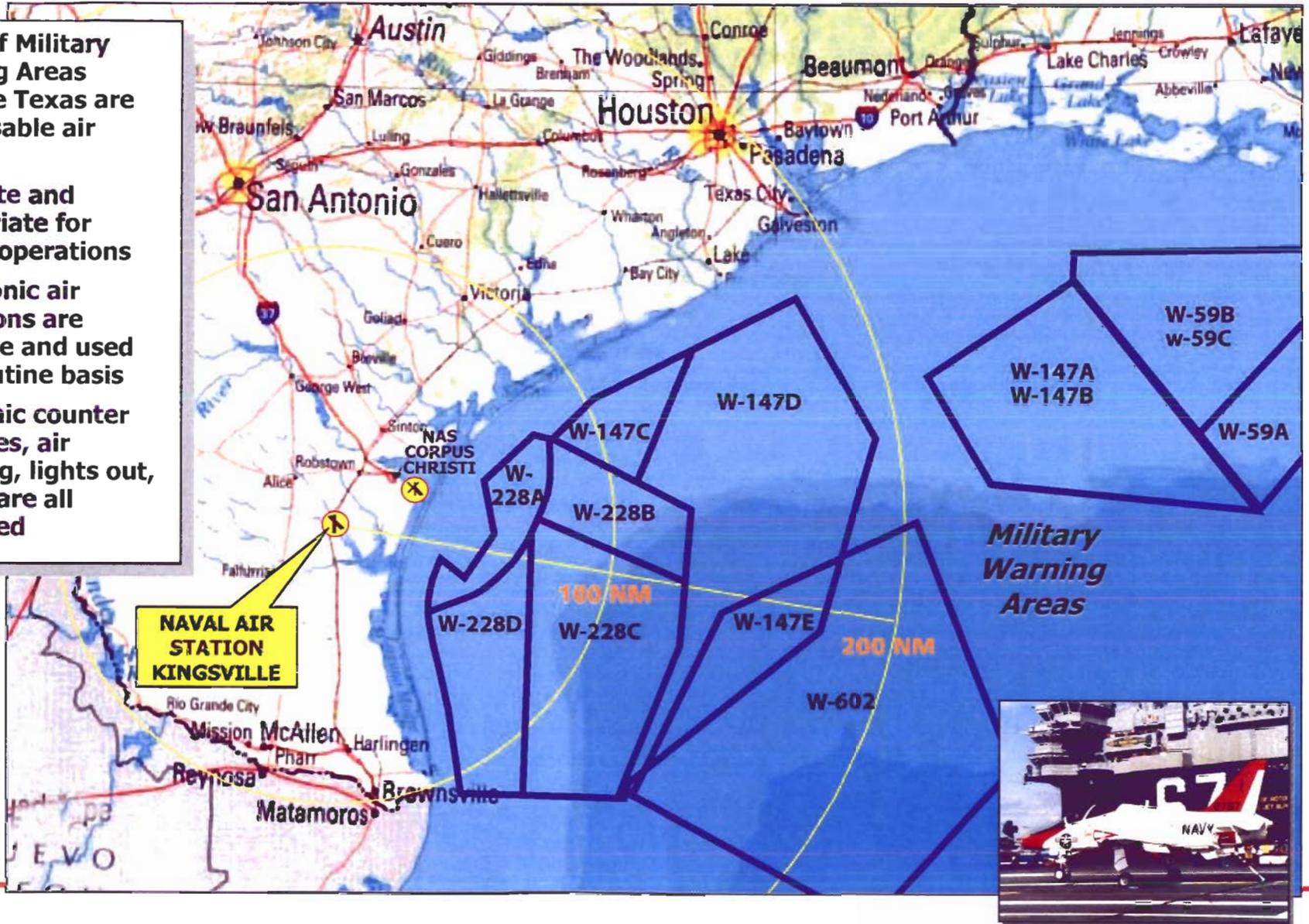
Bee and Goliad County representatives have indicated a willingness to have Navy jet operations resume at their fields.



**MILITARY
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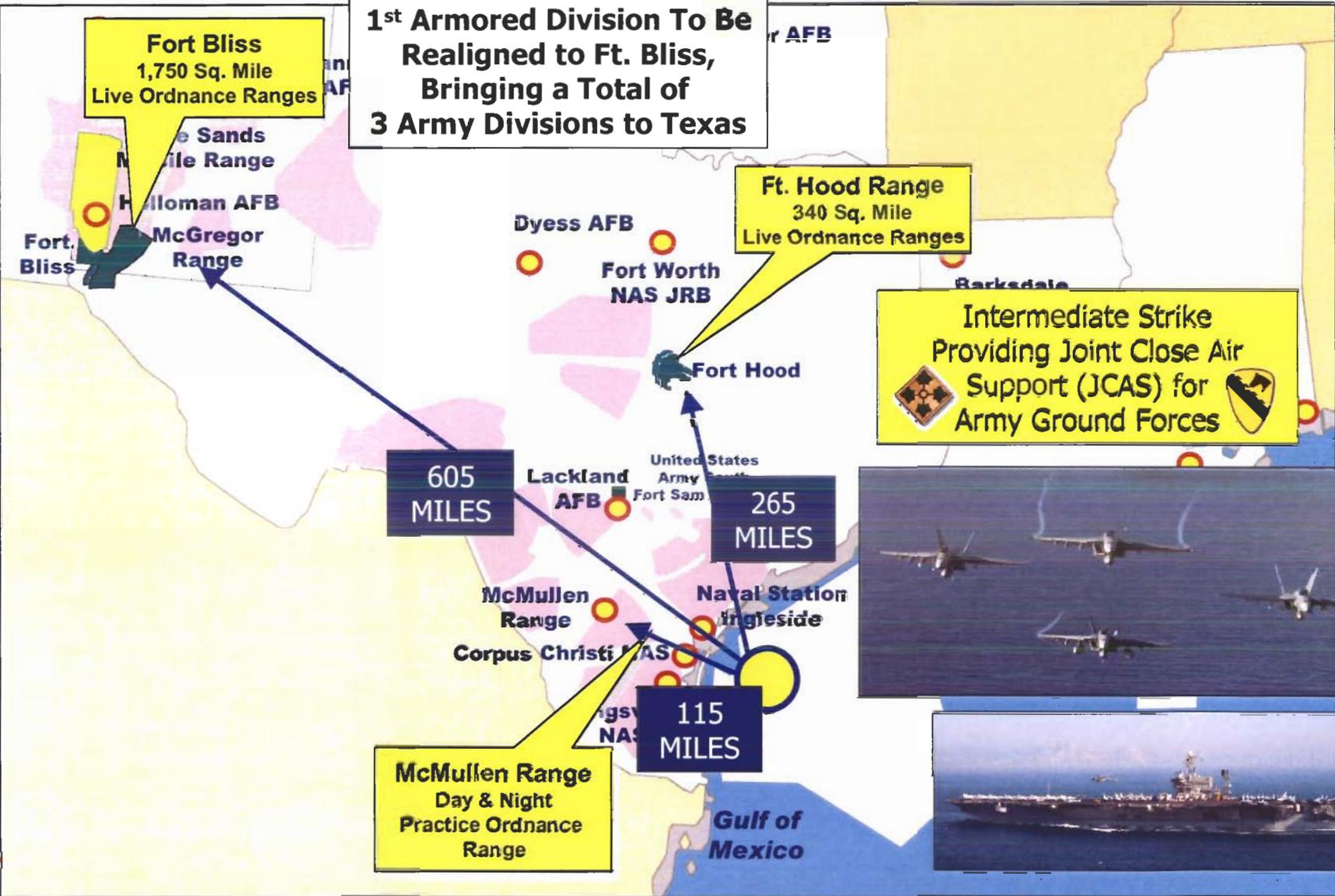
Significant Offshore Training Areas

- ◆ The Gulf Military Warning Areas offshore Texas are large usable air spaces
- ◆ Adequate and appropriate for F/A-18 operations
- ◆ Supersonic air operations are available and used on a routine basis
- ◆ Electronic counter measures, air refueling, lights out, chaff/flare all permitted



**MILITARY
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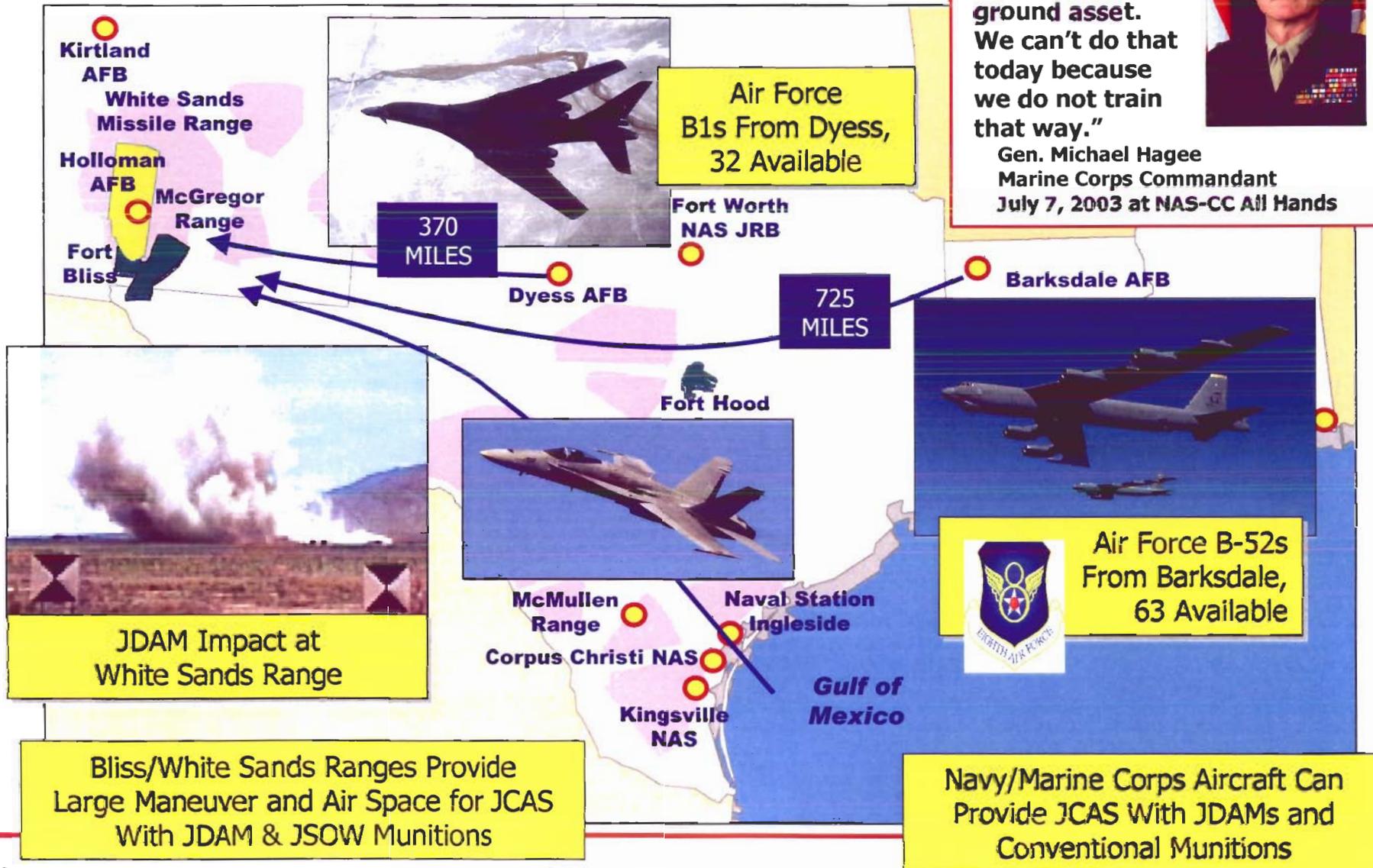
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Realistic Mix of Aircraft

"Every aviation asset needs to be able to support every ground asset. We can't do that today because we do not train that way."

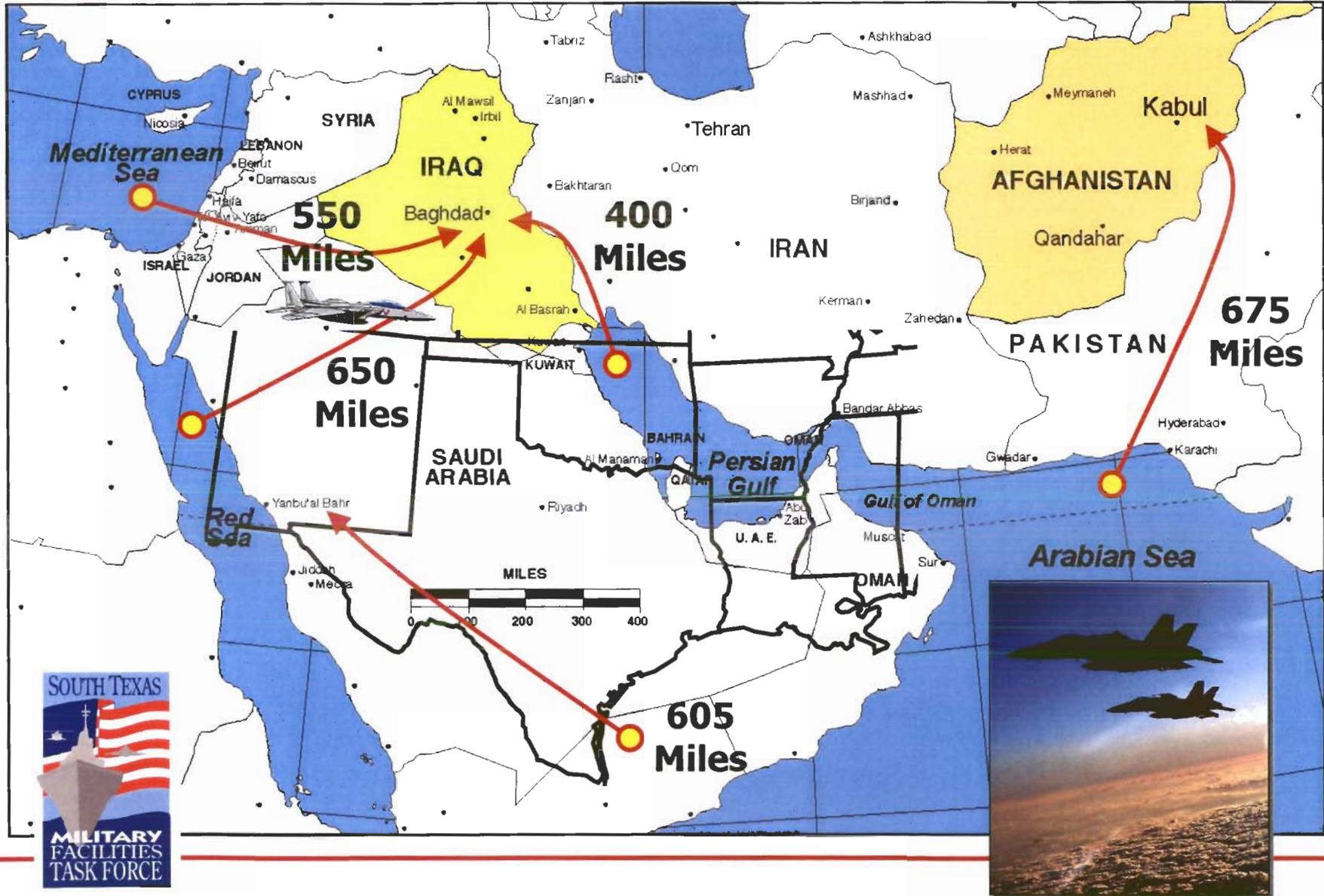


Gen. Michael Hagee
Marine Corps Commandant
July 7, 2003 at NAS-CC All Hands

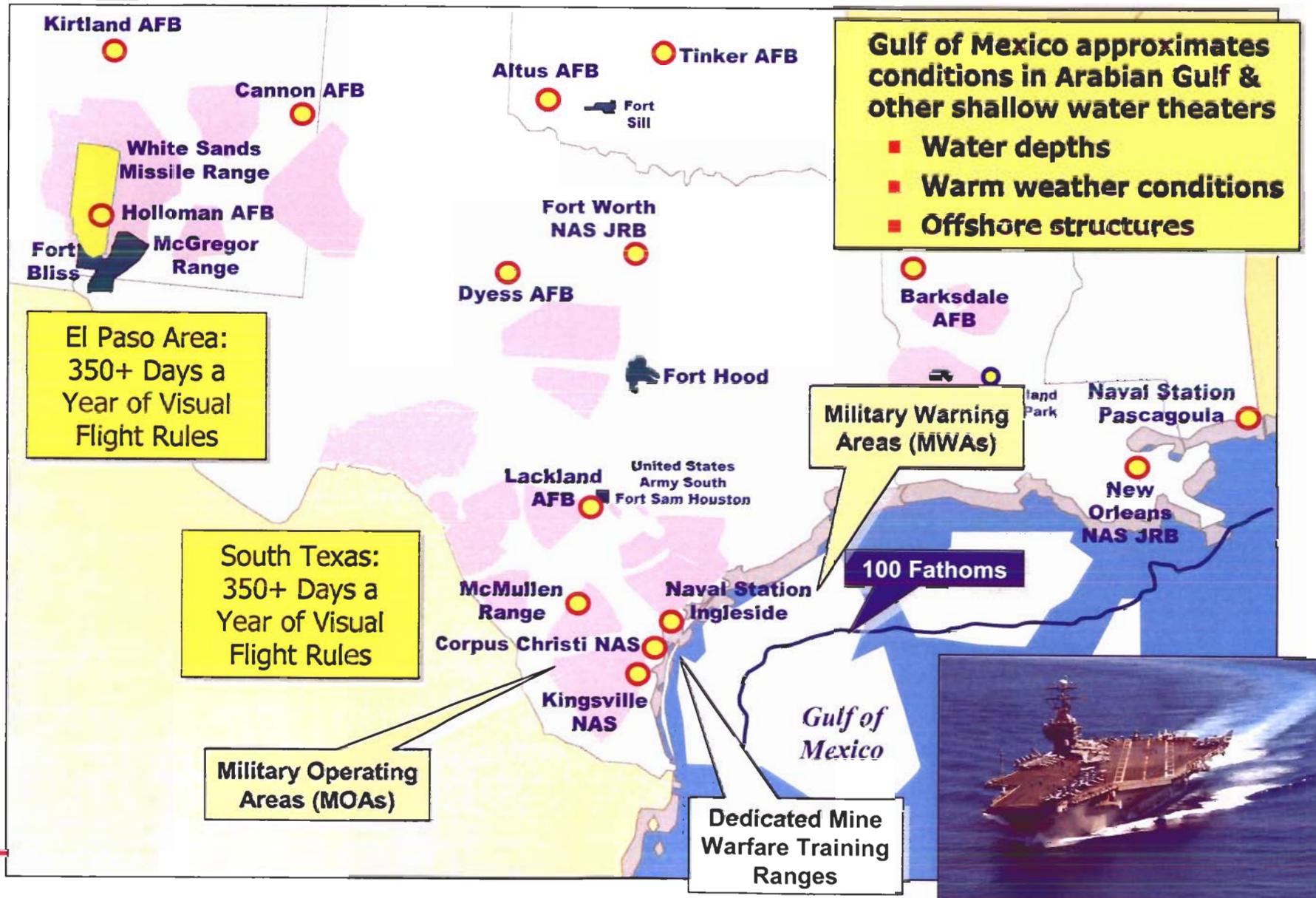


**MILITARY
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A Realistic Training Environment

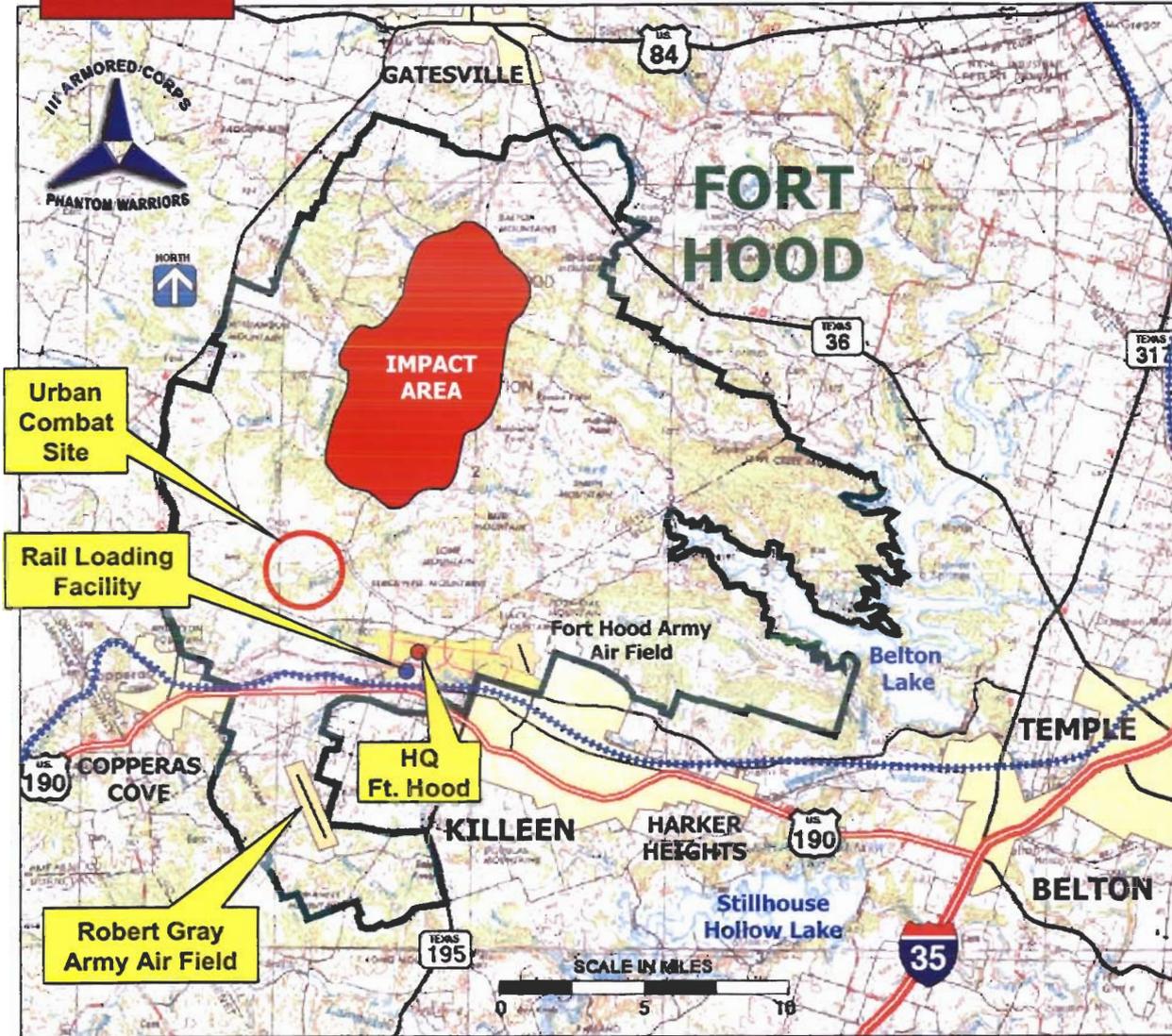


Air & Sea Training Space



**MILITARY
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Fort Hood Training Areas

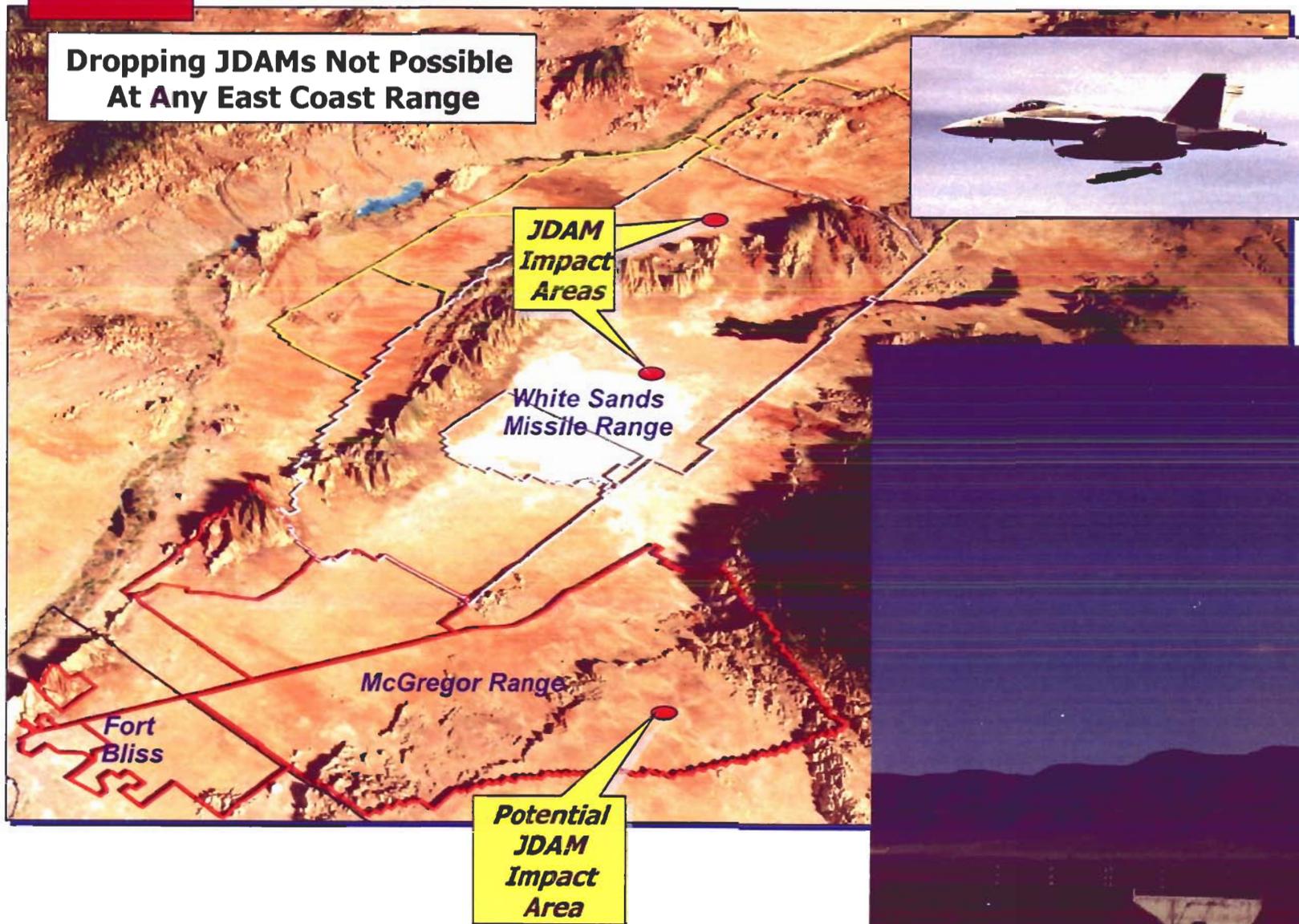


- ◆ 339 sq. miles with 134,000 Acres of Maneuver Space
- ◆ 62,000 Acres of Live Fire Area - 50 ranges in varied terrain
- ◆ Restricted Air Space to 45,000 Ft
- ◆ Thousands of pieces of modern equipment including 200 aircraft
- ◆ Rail facilities and two air fields - 10,000-ft. runway
- ◆ Command and control center
- ◆ \$100 million investment in digitized training
- ◆ Distributed, virtual & constructive training

**MILITARY
VALUE**

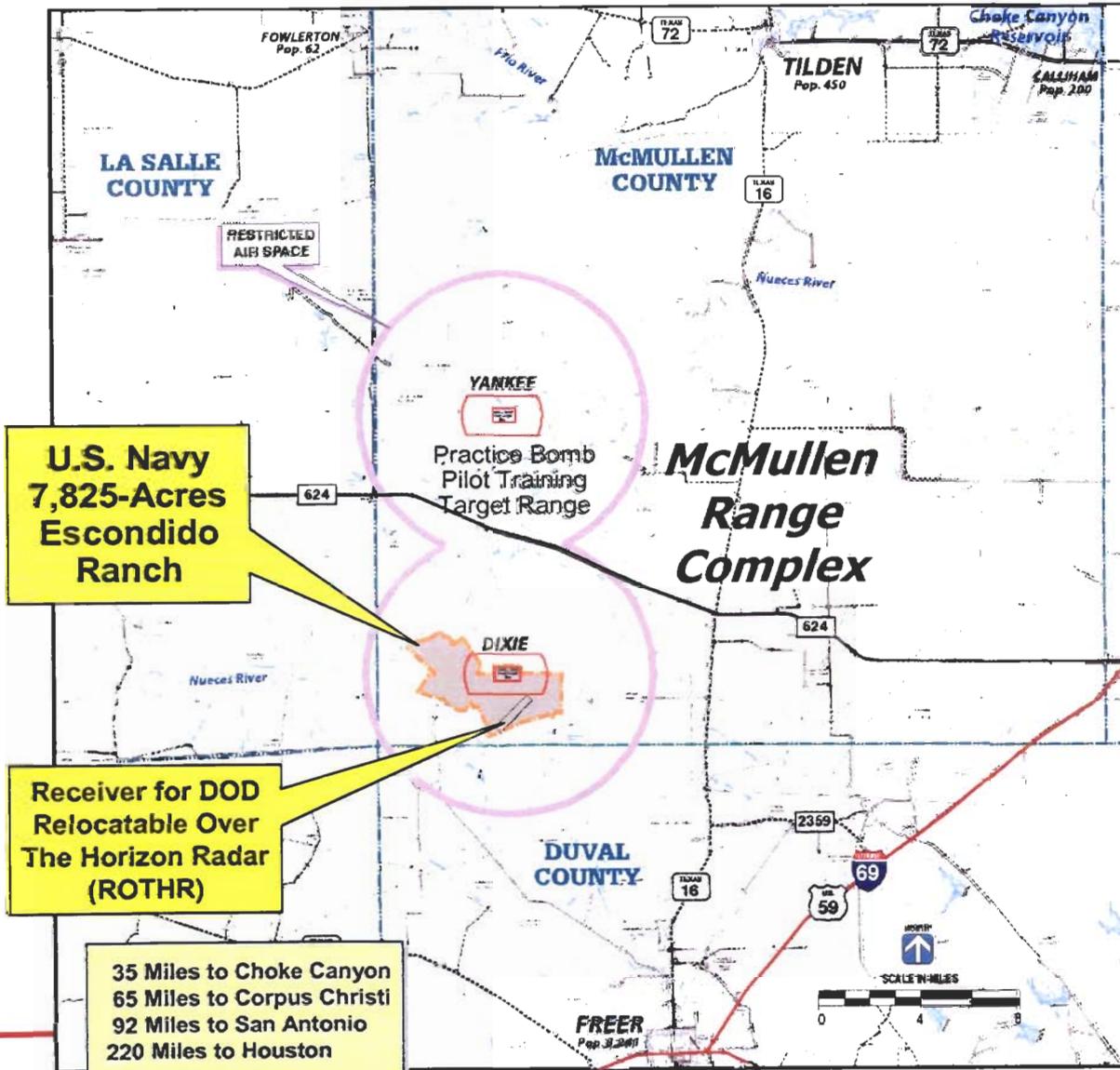
JDAM Targets at Fort Bliss-White Sands

**Dropping JDAMs Not Possible
At Any East Coast Range**



**MILITARY
VALUE**

McMullen Expansion Offers F/A-18 Training Range Only 70 Miles From NAS Kingsville



"The McMullen County Commissioner's Court wanted to go on the record in support of attracting a master jet base for the F-18 Hornet to South Texas. We support a 20,000 acre expansion of the approximately 10,000-acre range currently located in our county."

- Linda Lee Henry, County Judge

"There is no reason known at this time why the expansion would be any more damaging, except in scale, than the existing target range operations."

- Patricia Suter, Chairman
Coastal Bend Sierra Club 8/2/05

"(I) have concluded that this additional activity would be acceptable from an environmental perspective. We would certainly encourage the Navy to consider the needs of local wildlife and to develop a management plan to help minimize impacts."

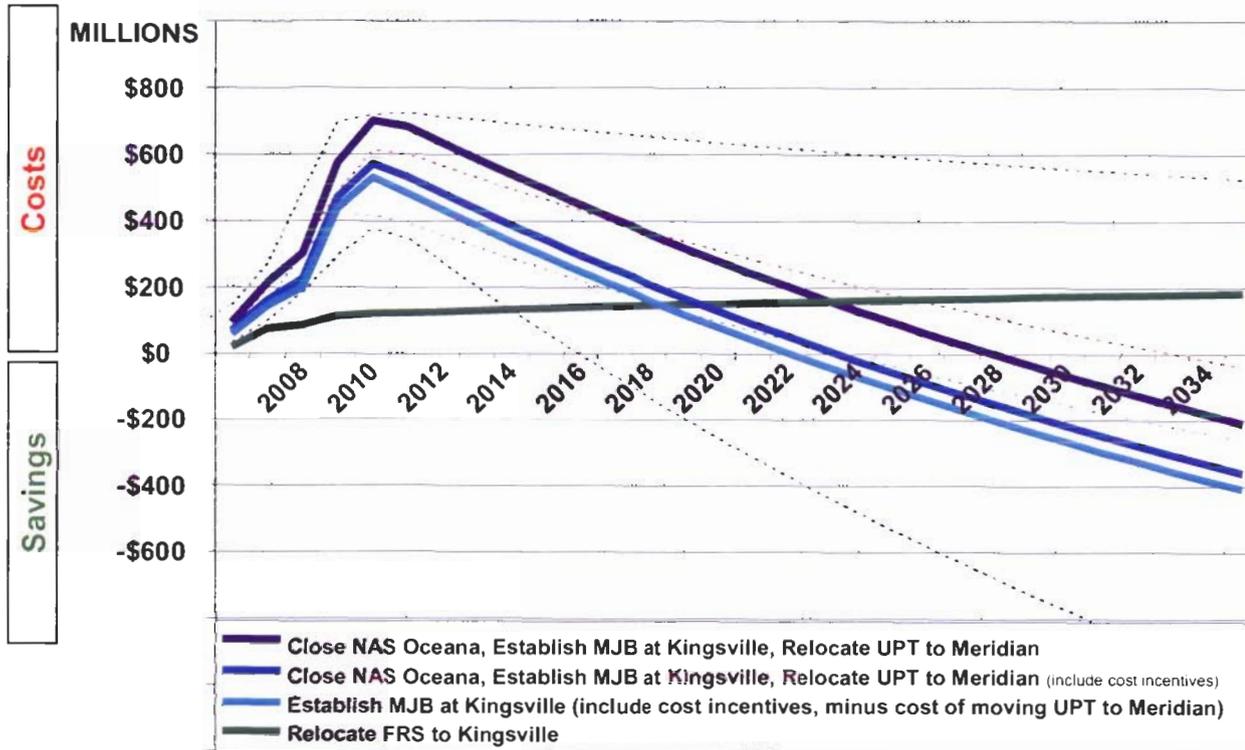
- Ray Allen, Executive Director
Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program 8/1/05

The Texas National Guard has already begun an environmental assessment of expansion of the McMullen Range.

COST SAVINGS

State Package Makes Relocation of Oceana Assets to Texas Even More Cost Effective

Cost Savings Conclusions



Assumptions

- ◆ US Navy-generated cost scenarios indicate that establishing a Master Jet Base at NAS Kingsville would save DoD \$206 million over 30 years
- ◆ Adding in the promise of Texas Gov. Rick Perry to provide various cost partnering would enable DoD to save \$359 million over 30 years
- ◆ Accounting for state package *and* eliminating the cost of relocating the UPT to NAS Meridian, a scenario that DoD did not consider, would save \$407 million over 30 years

NAS Kingsville's cost efficiencies bolster the military value arguments for relocating NAS Oceana's strike fighter aircraft to South Texas

BRAC Proposed NAS Oceana Realignment Options

1. No Change - Continue to restrict operations and training, thus reducing Fleet readiness
2. Close NAS Oceana and relocate the STRKFIGHTWING to another site
3. Realign a portion of the STRKFIGHTWING to mitigate encroachment, safety, environmental and training problems



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Option 3: Realign Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) to NAS Kingsville

- ◆ Best realignment option per Navy COBRA analysis
- ◆ Significantly mitigates problems at NAS Oceana and Fentress
- ◆ Reduce demand on Fentress by 20% or more
- ◆ Based on FRS syllabus, reduction of ~40K runway ops/year
- ◆ Keeps all future basing options on the table for the Navy
- ◆ Enhanced Fleet representative training
- ◆ Expanded McMullen air-to-ground range
- ◆ Improved FCLP training (NAS-K plus access to three OLFs)
- ◆ Existing airfields, airspace, ranges, and un-encroached land
- ◆ Proximity to joint training and Gulf Coast ranges
- ◆ Co-located Naval base capable of berthing a carrier
- ◆ NAS Kingsville has assets that cannot be bought on either coast:
 - Unencumbered airspace
 - Un-encroached land
 - No environmental issues



Option 3: Move FRS or Equivalent Squadrons to Kingsville



- ◆ State financial package enables move at reduced cost to the Navy
- ◆ Consistent with proposed Navy realignment of future FRS functions for the JSF to Eglin AFB, remote from the Navy operational units
- ◆ Solves Navy problem even if the court injunctions on the North Carolina OLF hold and potentially eliminates the need for the \$187M project
- ◆ Low risk, affordable, enhanced training & retains future basing flexibility
- ◆ Realignment of NAS Oceana by relocating the VFA FRS (or equivalent numbers of operational squadrons) to South Texas and retain Ingleside

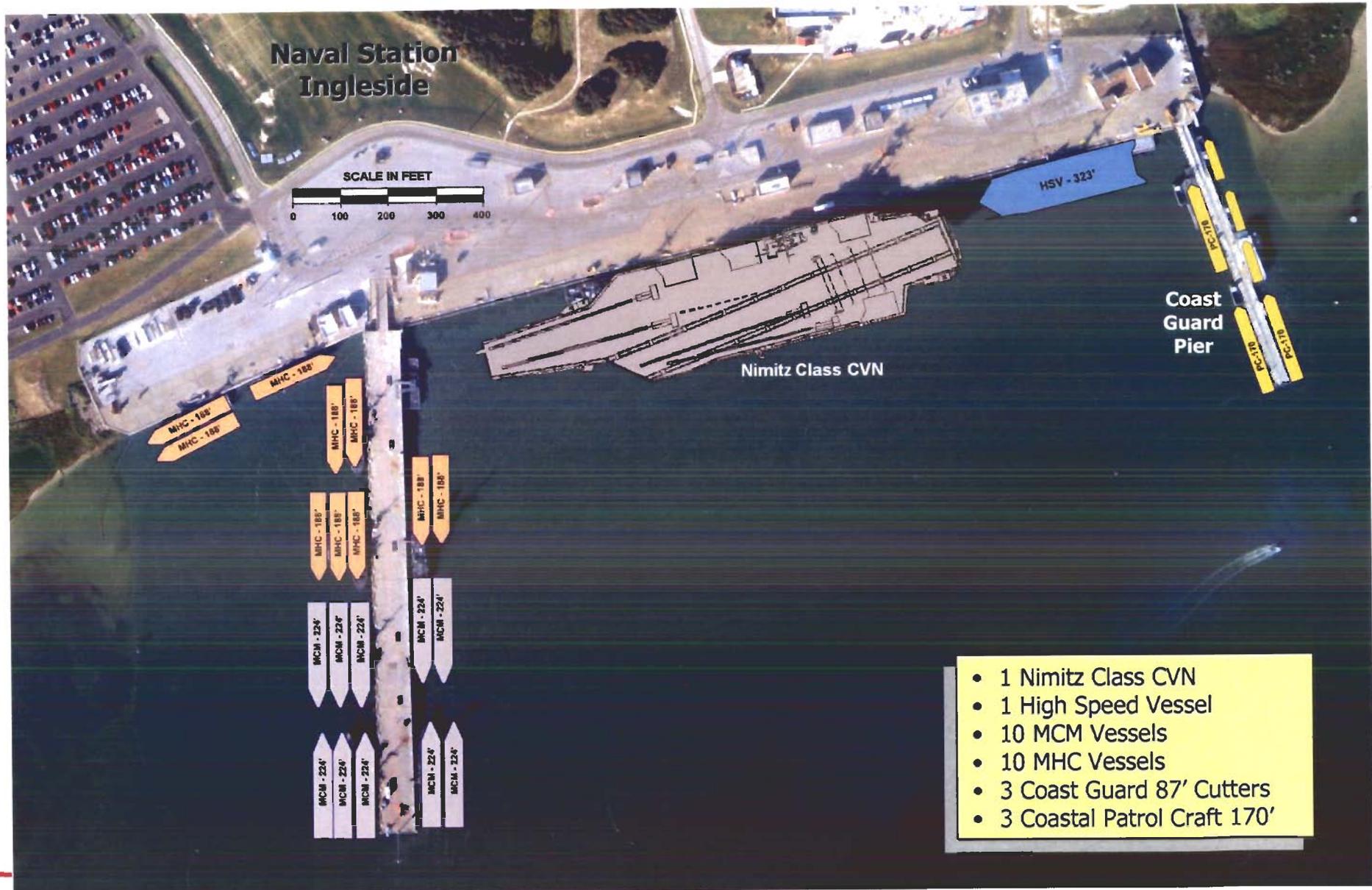
Naval Station Ingleside



- ◆ Home of Mine Warfare Center of Excellence
- ◆ Located on 45-foot deep federal ship channel (authorized to 52 ft.)
- ◆ 483 acres, not all developed
- ◆ Modern wharf and pier
- ◆ 14 mine countermeasures ships, 12 coastal minehunters (4 MCMs and 2 MHCs are forward deployed)
- ◆ Support capacity in place for a full battle group including a carrier

Rodman Photo: 11/4/04

NSI Can Accommodate Nimitz Class Carrier



The Mine Warfare Center of Excellence at NSI



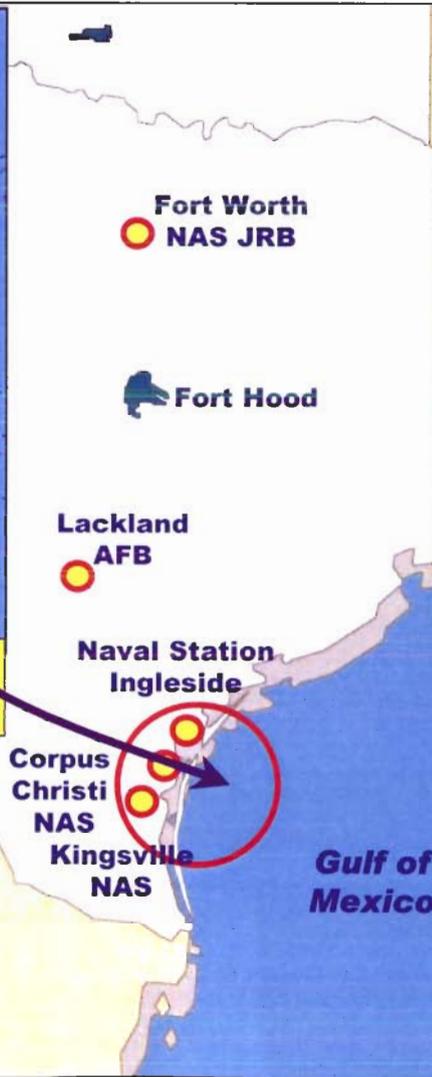
- ◆ After Operation Desert Storm CNO Kelso placed renewed emphasis on mine warfare, including the establishment of a Mine Warfare Center of Excellence (Top Gun model)
- ◆ Strong Congressional and OSD interest supported continued improvements in mine warfare
 - Congressional Mine Warfare Caucus, annual Mine Warfare Certification Plan
- ◆ MCM equipment, training and organization proved successful during Operation Iraqi Freedom
- ◆ The Mine Warfare Center of Excellence concept responsible for improved MCM capability and is currently developing training for organic and LCS MCM systems

What's Wrong With BRAC Recommendations?

They Separate Key Mine Warfare Assets



Irreplaceable Asset: Established Mine Warfare Training Ranges in Texas Owned Waters 9 Miles (3 Leagues) Into Gulf



Mine Countermeasure Assets Clear Fleet Operations Area, Channels, Harbors and Shorelines



Recommendation Results in the Loss of Dedicated Mine Warfare Training Areas

- ◆ There are no dedicated MCM or AMCM training ranges in Norfolk or San Diego with permanently installed mine shapes.
- ◆ Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City, has mine test and evaluation areas. Areas will be of no use to MCM ships if Naval Station Ingleside is closed and the ships are moved to San Diego.
- ◆ The expansion of these training areas, placement of permanent mine shapes and exercise mines, and utilization of explosive mine neutralization charges will require the submission of detailed and time consuming environmental impact statements.
- ◆ East Coast Shallow Water Test Range is 8 years into the EIS process.

◆ Conclusion:

- Dedicated training areas are essential for effective joint warfighting, training, and readiness.
- Recommendation results in the loss of dedicated mine warfare training areas and the movement of mine warfare assets to areas where replacement ranges are not available within the implementation period.
- ◆ Recommendation thus deviates substantially from Criterion 2.

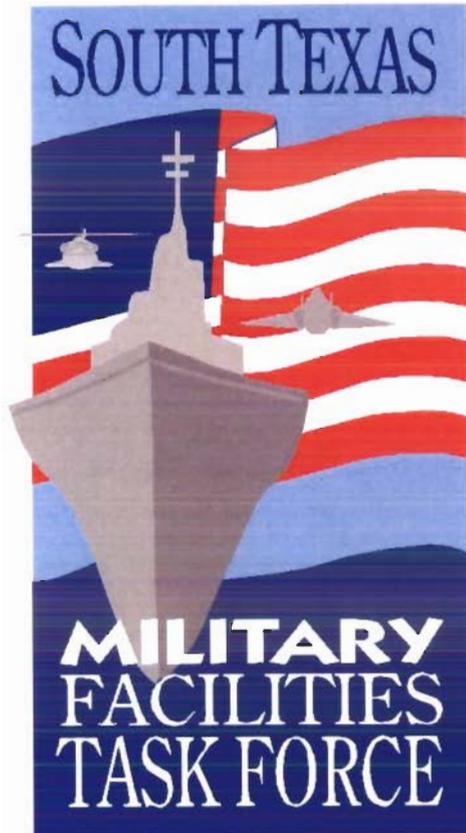
Summary

- ◆ **Navy's plan destroys the synergy of the Mine Warfare Center of Excellence**
- ◆ **Navy plan puts too much reliance on unproven mine warfare systems**
- ◆ **Substantial Navy data inaccuracies biased analysis**
- ◆ **Mine Warfare Command moved to NSI in 1993**
 - **What's the long-term impact of moving again?**
 - **Extremely difficult to reconstitute training infrastructure and ranges in implementation period**
- ◆ **What are the Homeland Defense implications of the Navy pulling out of the Gulf of Mexico?**
 - **7,000 tankers call at Gulf ports annually**
 - **Keeping the Navy at NSI costs less than one shipment of oil!**
- ◆ **Savings from closing NSI is insignificant**



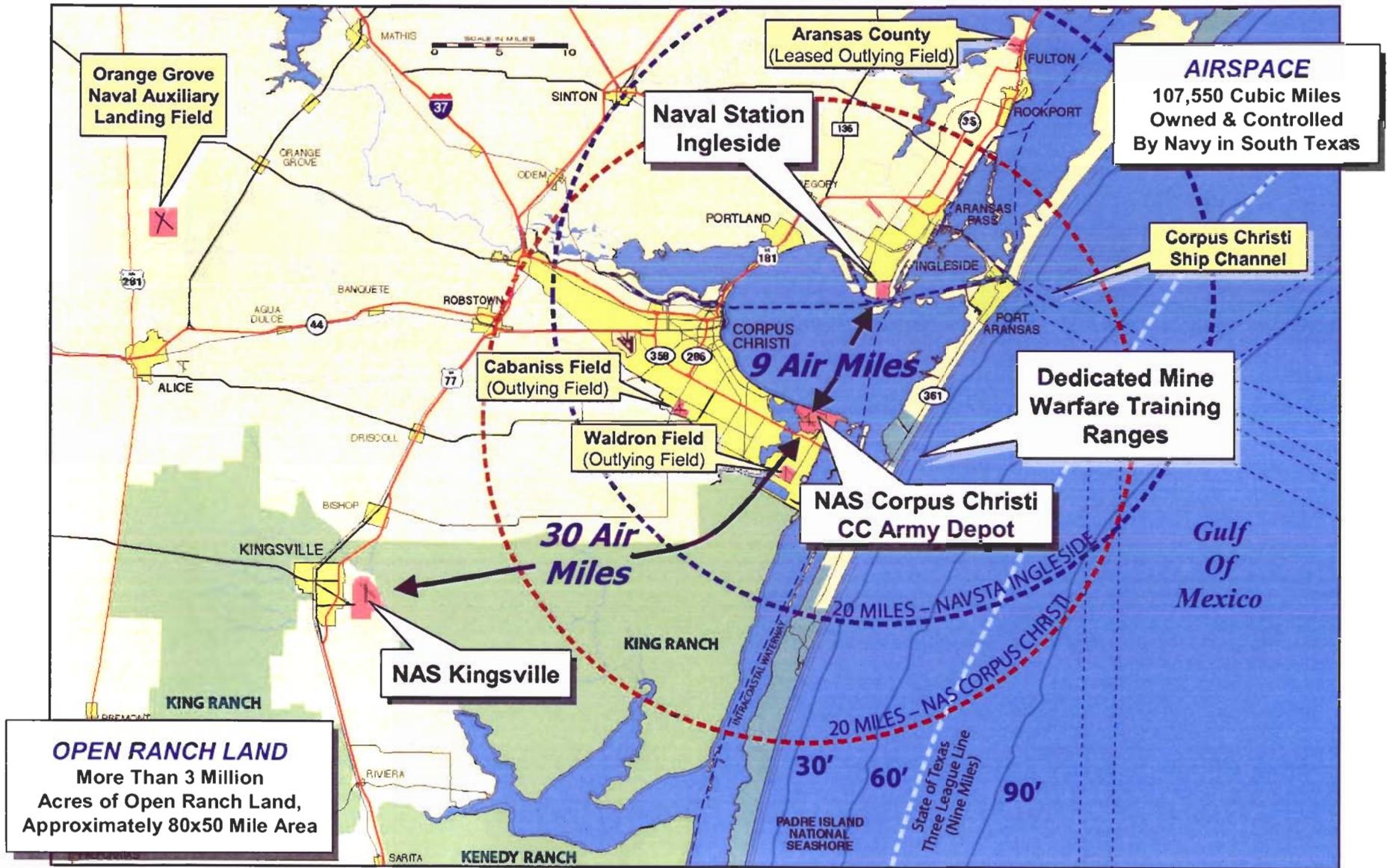
Is the Navy Being Short-Sighted?

Optimal Roles for South Texas Military Complex in the 21st Century



- **Homeland Defense of the Gulf Coast**
- **Mine Warfare Center of Excellence**
- **F/A-18 Training & Operations**
- **Carrier Support**
- **LCS Training and Basing**
- **Expanded Coast Guard Presence**
- **SPECWARDEVGRU**
- **Joint Expeditionary Range - McMullen**
- **Army Warehousing**
- **Military Sealift Command Berthing**

South Texas Joint Military & Federal Complex

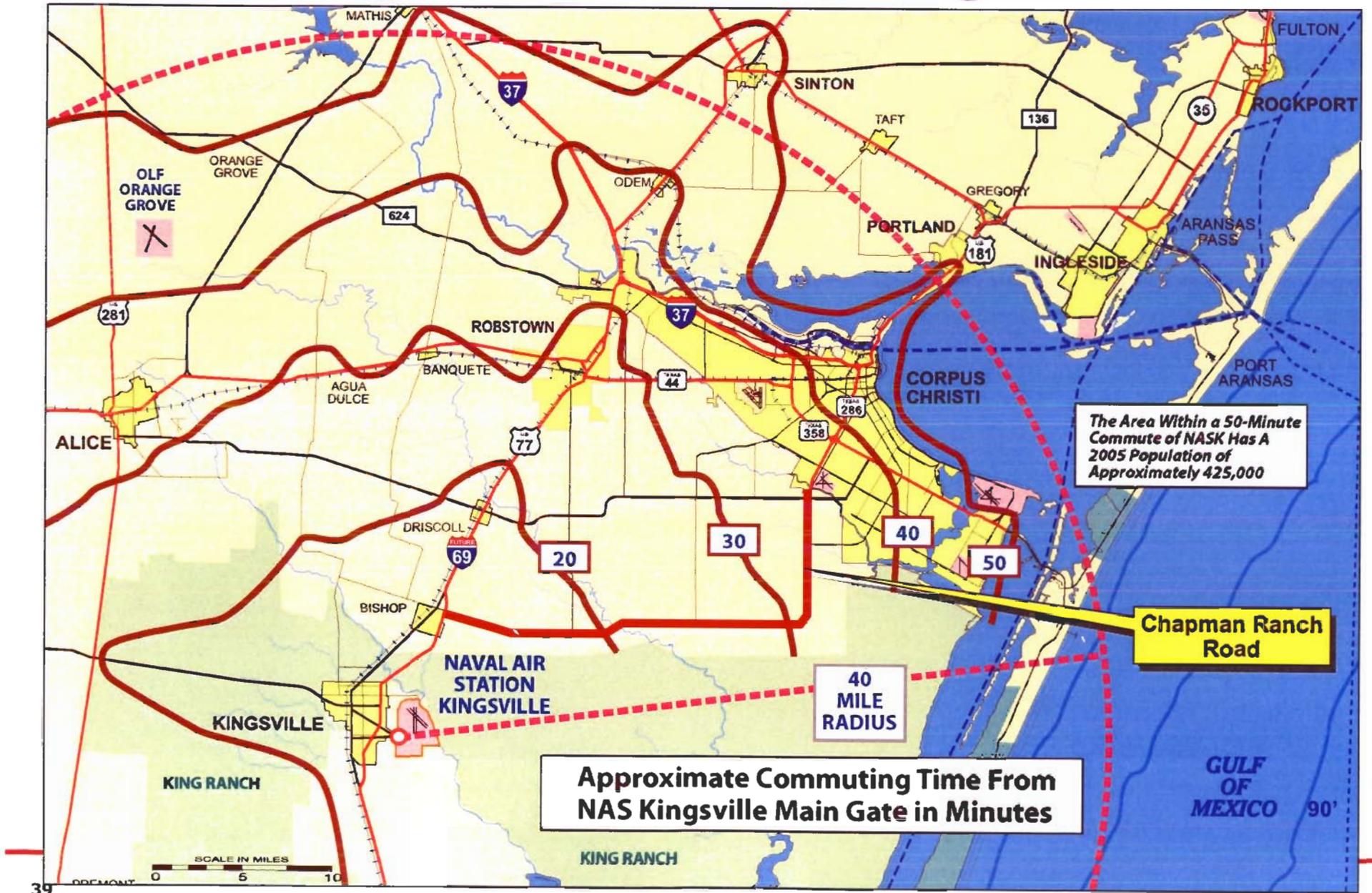


Corpus Christi Bay Area

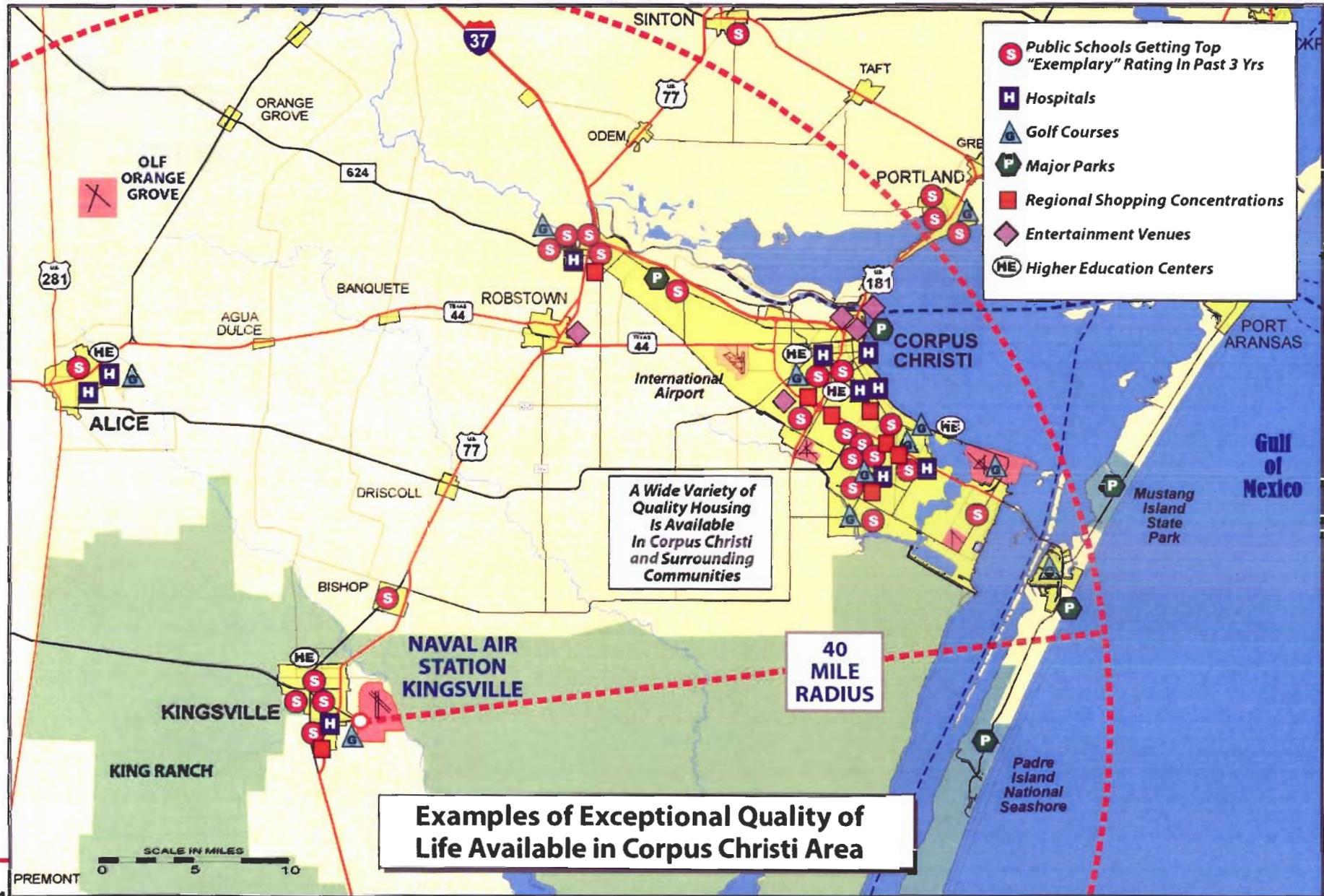
Regional Market
Population: 530,000



Commuting Times from NAS Kingsville



CC Bay Area Is A Great Place to Live



Available Housing in South Texas

◆ Residential Housing Available – Aug. 2005

- **Kingsville – 129 units**
- **Corpus Christi MLS**
(Nueces-San Patricio Counties)
 - **1,551 Single Family Houses**
 - **204 Condo/Townhouses**

◆ Apartment Inventory

- **30,000 Units** (Kleberg, Nueces, San Patricio Counties)
 - **Added 1,500 units last year**
 - **596 units under construction**
- **93% occupancy (8/05)**
- **2,100 units available for rent**
- **Average monthly apartment rents**
 - **1 Bedroom - \$533**
 - **2 Bedroom - \$687**
 - **3 Bedroom - \$855**



CORPUS CHRISTI Southside
\$99,500 - 1,350 Sq Ft



New Apartments Near Completion

Housing Is Affordable

Housing Cost

National Avg. 100%

Virginia Beach 103%

Corpus Christi 61%



KINGSVILLE
\$131,900 - 1,509 Sq Ft



CORPUS CHRISTI Southside
\$255,900 - 3,040 Sq Ft



CORPUS CHRISTI Southside
\$219,900 - 2,305 Sq Ft



KINGSVILLE
\$157,000 - 1,781 Sq Ft



CORPUS CHRISTI Southside
\$134,900 - 1,530 Sq Ft



CORPUS CHRISTI Southside
\$97,900 - 1,350 Sq Ft



CORPUS CHRISTI Southside
\$169,000 - 1,856 Sq Ft



KINGSVILLE
\$87,500 - 1,397 Sq Ft



CORPUS CHRISTI Southside
\$119,000 - 1,529 Sq Ft



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\$79,900 - 1,462 Sq Ft



CORPUS CHRISTI Southside
\$88,000 - 1,417 Sq Ft

Sources: Realtor.com; Homes.com;
MSN House & Home 2005 with Sperling's BestPlaces

Residential Housing Listings

Listed Price	Single Family Homes	Condos / Townhouses	Total Units
Under \$60,000	162	15	177
\$60,000 - \$69,999	58	12	70
\$70,000 - \$79,999	47	11	58
\$80,000 - \$89,999	86	14	100
\$90,000 - \$99,999	75	16	91
\$100,000 - \$119,999	125	17	142
\$120,000 - \$139,999	165	30	195
\$140,000 - \$159,999	154	20	174
\$160,000 - \$179,999	150	8	158
\$180,000 - \$199,999	117	14	131
\$200,000 - \$249,999	144	23	167
\$250,000 - \$299,999	81	8	89
\$300,000 - \$399,999	76	10	86
Over \$400,000	111	6	117
Total Units	1,551	204	1,755

National Association of Realtors MLS Service Listings on Aug. 10, 2005 for area including Nueces and San Patricio Counties

Average Sales Price: \$142,867





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GOVERNOR

August 5, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

I would like to take the opportunity to share with you and your colleagues a viable alternative to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission's recent vote to add Naval Air Station Oceana (NASO) to the proposed closure list. I am confident that Texas can provide you the best location for all assets associated with a Navy Master Jet Base. As the BRAC Commission considers Texas as part of its review of NASO, I would like to bring to your attention the current and future military value that a South Texas location would bring, not only to the US Navy but also to the joint warfighting, training, and readiness for all of this country's military forces.

The state is partnering with the South Texas Coastal Bend Defense Community to support an expanded military presence in South Texas and to provide the Department of Defense (DOD) with enhanced operations and training space to support ground, naval and air forces through a diversity of mission requirements to include the capability to surge in the event of national emergencies. We are very excited about this tremendous opportunity. We are prepared to support as many additional military personnel and their families as necessary in South Texas, and provide them with the operational space and quality of life to assure a ready and fully-trained military force.

Texas is prepared to make a significant offer to augment the already existing infrastructure and training areas available to the military missions at NAS Kingsville, NAS Corpus Christi, and NS Ingleside.

The Chief of Naval Air Training based at NAS Corpus Christi enjoys the availability of two unencumbered ranges: the 10,000 nautical square mile "Warning Area 228" range, which can support supersonic and tactical air maneuvering exercises over the Gulf, and the land-based McMullen Training Range. The State of Texas is prepared to provide support to expand the McMullen Training Range from its current size of 10,000 acres to 40,000 acres. The McMullen

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Range is currently used by the Navy, Air National Guard and Air Force active and reserve forces with inert and electronic training and would support live ordnance. We are prepared to extend its capability to support an expanded aviation mission at Naval Air Station Kingsville.

The state is making available a \$50 million grant for the balance of the land acquisition and any required environmental studies, range development, infrastructure needs, or as a supplement to the MILCON program for expenses that may arise from a relocation of NASO.

Additionally, a key infrastructure need for the light and mobile transformed Army forces located at Fort Hood, Fort Sill, Fort Bliss, and Fort Carson is efficient access to joint training areas and surface Ports of Embarkation. The State is prepared to assist in the construction of new infrastructure to support these needs, including the addition of a rail spur from Union Pacific's main rail line to Naval Station Ingleside. The Texas Department of Transportation has agreed to build, manage and operate the spur and to allow the DOD unlimited use at no cost. The cost of this project is presently estimated to be \$15.2 million and is predicated on the continuing need for the Naval Station as part of an expanded military mission in South Texas. These funds are in addition to the \$5.2 million investment already committed to the expansion of the deployment rail capability at the strategic seaport at the Port of Corpus Christi.

Texas has also recently made a \$457.5 million commitment to transportation infrastructure improvements in and around the surrounding counties of NAS Kingsville. Further, the state is committed to any additional identified transportation infrastructure expansions deemed necessary on and around NAS Kingsville and will commit to another \$100 million for the expansion of Chapman Ranch Road.

I am also pleased to provide the local defense community a \$200 million loan fund financed by the sale of State of Texas General Obligation bonds. A loan from this fund would be used by the local defense community to support the infrastructure and facility needs of the Navy and the defense community. Such a loan could augment the limited MILCON funding available early in the BRAC implementation process, and allow for the expedited planning and construction of infrastructure and facilities at NAS Kingsville.

Texas is pleased to provide these incentives for national defense purposes. The total package of new grants, infrastructure and loans is approximately \$365 million.

Mr. Chairman, the South Texas Coastal Bend Defense Community has no encroachment issues, no environmental issues, unrivaled operational air space and the ability to expand our already exemplary public/private family housing initiatives to meet DOD needs. Simply put, South Texas is Navy Country and we invite you and your colleagues to come and see for yourselves.

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We look forward to working with the BRAC Commission and DOD to achieve our common objectives.

If we can assist you with any questions you may have regarding the state's resources available to help with the DOD's decision to relocate NAS Oceana, please contact my deputy chief of staff, Phil Wilson, by phone at 512/463-9490, or by e-mail at pwilson@governor.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,


Rick Perry
Governor

RP:jek

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy
Admiral Mike Mullen, Chief of Naval Operations
General Daniel James III, Director, Air National Guard
BRAC Commission Members
United States Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn
United States Congressmen Solomon P. Ortiz, Ruben Hinojosa, Henry Cuellar and
Lloyd Doggett
Texas State Senators Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, Judith Zaffirini, Ph.D., and Eddie Lucio
Texas State Representatives Gene Seaman, Vilma Luna, Abel Herrero, Juan Escobar,
and Yvonne Gonzales Toureilles
Texas Department of Transportation Commissioners
Michael W. Behrens, P.E., Executive Director, Texas Department of Transportation
The Honorable Loyd Neal, Chairman, South Texas Military Facilities Task Force
Adjutant General Charles Rodriguez, Texas National Guard

Comparison of NAS Oceana to NAS Kingsville for Flight Operations

	<u>NAS Oceana</u>	<u>NAS Kingsville</u>
Main Runways	4—Encroached	4—No Encroachment
Outlying Fields	NALF Fentress—Major Encroachment	NALF Orange Grove—No Encroachment
Airspace	Encumbered	Unencumbered
Target Ranges	Dare County Range—Inerts	McMullen Ranges—Inerts (Live Capability Potential)
Community Support	Stressed	Universal Support
Environmental Issues	Legal Action	Documented Support
Weather	Fair to Good	Excellent
Training Effectiveness	Amended Fleet Training	Full Fleet Training



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August 1, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

A local effort is underway to convince the Commission and Department of Defense to expand the mission of NAS Kingsville to include hosting the new F/A -18 Super Hornet jets. As the director of a local conservation organization I was asked by the folks advocating this expanded mission for my opinion and comments.

In my review of this proposal, I have visited several websites addressing the various issues (environmental impacts, bird strike safety issues, and noise level concerns) regarding the proposed location of these jets at NAS Oceana and the proposed OLF in Washington County, North Carolina. I have also spoken directly with Mr. Derb Carter of the Southern Environmental Law Center regarding that organization's concern about stationing the F/A - 18 at NAS Oceana and the use of the proposed OLF. I am pleased to report that the concerns associated with those facilities would be avoided by moving the F/A -18 Super Hornet jets to NAS Kingsville here in South Texas.

In my comments I will address four potential concerns; 1) the expanded mission at NAS Kingsville, 2) the use of the Orange Grove Auxiliary Landing Field for F/A-18 training, 3) the use of the McMullen County Range for live fire and bombing, and 4) the use of Naval Station Ingleside by an aircraft carrier.

Naval Air Station Kingsville already plays an important role as a Navy jet training facility. The addition of F/A -18 Super Hornets at the base will not cause any additional environmental impact and while it is impossible to eliminate all risks, the bird strike threat will be much lower than that at NAS Oceana or the new proposed OLF in Washington County, North Carolina. The best thing about NAS Kingsville is its very rural location and lack of encroachment by residential or commercial activities. Increased noise levels should not be a problem.

The Orange Grove NALF is also in a rural location with little encroachment. The facility is currently being used by the Navy for jet "touch and go" training. The use of this location by the F/A -18 Super Hornets would not be a problem.

The local advocates have indicated that the McMullen County Range would need to be expanded both in size and activities. I have checked with people knowledgeable about the existing site and adjacent area and have concluded that this additional activity would be acceptable from an environmental perspective. We would certainly encourage the Navy to consider the needs of local wildlife and to develop a management plan to help minimize impacts. Close consultation with County officials and area ranchers is also advised.

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Naval Station Ingleside is well suited to either occasionally host or have an aircraft carrier stationed at the base. NS Ingleside was originally built as a homeport for an aircraft carrier to help with Navy flight training. The use of this facility by an aircraft carrier is completely appropriate and will not have a negative impact on the environment or the community.

NAS Kingsville and associated facilities will make an ideal location for the F/A -18 Super Hornet jets. I am certain that from an environmental perspective there are no fatal flaws in this proposal and that the environmental review process would go smoothly.

Thank you for considering my comments and please do not hesitate to contact me at (361-885-6204) if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Ray Allen

Ray Allen
Executive Director



**COASTAL BEND GROUP
SIERRA CLUB**

**P.O. BOX 3512
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August 2, 2005

**The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
2005 Base Realignment and Closure
Commission
2521 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Va. 22202**

Dear Chairman Principi:

These comments are being submitted on behalf of the Coastal Bend Sierra Club and the Coastal Bend Environmental Coalition in support of the local efforts to expand the mission of Kingsville NAS and Naval Station Ingleside. It is our understanding that new F/A Super Hornet Jets would be a major part of the mix proposed and that there would be expanded use of areas of McMullen County as a bombing range. These environmental groups were asked to consider if there were any "deal killers" in this proposal.

There have been jet training operations at the Kingsville site for at least 40 years without any memorable conflicts between those operations and the local fish, wildlife, or citizens. There are no subdivisions, wetlands, or sanitary landfills near the landing fields that would restrict flights or pose the threat of bird strikes. The closest areas of significant recreational and biological sensitivities are the Padre Island National Seashore and the South Bird Island colonial water bird rookery about 40 miles east and northeast of NAS Kingsville. Over flights of these areas by military aircraft, with the exception of frequent surveys along the Gulf of Mexico shoreline by Coast Guard jets and helicopters based elsewhere, are rarely noticeable, much less low enough to cause significant aesthetic or other environmental impact. The Navy maintains a liaison with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Corpus Christi to assure that environmental issues and opportunities are addressed early and thoroughly. Mrs. Pat Clements is the Service's local contact (361-994-9005).

Naval Station Ingleside was originally designed to berth a carrier, a battle ship, and auxiliary vessels, and underwent significant environmental reviews in the Homeport EIS. A large adjacent area of undeveloped natural habitat has been proposed for acquisition to facilitate amphibious warfare training. This proposed military use would be less damaging than if the property were turned into subdivisions or industrial sites, and has the approval of the local conservation groups.

The McMullen County site already has some old target ranges, but one has recently been enlarged, and there are ongoing discussions with the landowners about making it big enough to allow live bombing in addition to firing small arms and served weaponry on the ground. Although greater expansion, to include over 34,000 acres, was discussed over a year ago, there still remains little but a general concept of the operations and impacts, and very little ground-truthing has been conducted. However the area is remote and little used except for ranching and hunting. The Texas tortoise, the Indigo snake, the horned toad and a few other species are of concern as they occur on the site. If a large buffer zone is established around the perimeter and the site managed for these species there should be no major difficulties. Hunting, and possibly cattle grazing might continue to be allowed as management tools.

A full-scale EIS would, of course, have to be done to address both the projects impacts and the potential mitigation for them, but there is no reason known at this time why the expansion would be any more damaging, except in scale, than the existing target range operations.

Sincerely,

Patricia H. Suter

Patricia H. Suter, Chairman
(President, Environmental Coalition)



McMULLEN COUNTY
TILDEN, TEXAS 78072

August 15, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

Attached is a resolution passed by the McMullen County Commissioner's Court on August 8, 2005. The Commissioner's Court wanted to go on the record in support of attracting a master jet base for the F-18 Hornet to South Texas. We support a 20,000 acre expansion of the approximately 10,000 acre range currently located in our county. Our county has a long history of support for the missions currently conducted there and would welcome this additional mission.

Sincerely,

Linda Lee Henry

Linda Lee Henry
County Judge
McMullen County

DORAIRENE GARZA
COUNTY-DISTRICT CLERK

LINDA LEE HENRY
COUNTY JUDGE

ANGEL BOSTWICK
ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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TREASURER

JOHN B. NICHOLS
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens of McMullen County have a long history of supporting our United States Navy, Air Force, Texas National Guard and other Department of Defense operations in McMullen County, and

WHEREAS, the South Texas region is seeking additional military missions, including becoming the home of a master jet base for the F-18 Hornet, and

WHEREAS, McMullen County residents are seeking additional activities to bring economic development and job opportunities to McMullen County;

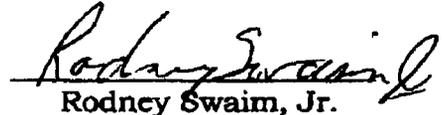
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the McMullen County Commissioners Court support the expansion in size up to 20,000 acres and capacity of the McMullen Range Complex to support a master jet base for the F-18 Hornet in South Texas.



Linda Lee Henry
McMullen County Judge



Timothy Teal
Commissioner, Precinct 1



Rodney Swaim, Jr.
Commissioner, Precinct 2



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Commissioner, Precinct 3



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Commissioner, Precinct 4

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August 10, 2005

Mr. Dick Messbarger
Kingsville Economic Development Corporation
635 East King
Kingsville, TX 78363

Dear Mr. Messbarger:

This letter confirms the Bee Development Authority's intention to offer our former NAS Chase Field, on a contractual basis, to the US Navy and US Government contractors.

Recent BRAC events and the recent announcement of a possible new master Navy jet base initiative will give South Texas several economic opportunities and the BDA wants to be a part of this aggressive initiative.

This location offers excellent facilities with 3 runways and excellent airspace availability within the current Military Operating Areas (MOA's), convenient to both Kingsville and Corpus Christi, Texas.

More additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. B. Montez', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Joe Montez
Director of Economic Development

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Cc: Jerry Reid, Consultant to the BDA

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*Christus Spohn-Kleberg is a
100-bed hospital located 2 miles
from the NAS Kingsville main gate*

August 12, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi,

I have been advised that the BRAC Commission is studying scenarios which include bringing additional missions and billets to NAS-Kingsville. This is certainly a proposal worth serious consideration.

Currently CHRISTUS Spohn is the TRICARE provider with the military for NAS-K and the military in the area, providing the necessary outpatient, inpatient and ancillary services for the military and their families.

CHRISTUS Spohn Health System provides excellent and efficient healthcare services for a population of about 600,000 in the thirteen county area of the Coastal Bend. CHRISTUS Spohn has six hospital campuses, including CHRISTUS Spohn-Kleberg as well as numerous ambulatory facilities. We have earned 65% of the market share based on our dedication to quality and commitment to the community.

I can assure you that CHRISTUS Spohn is prepared and pleased to accommodate the additional active duty military and their dependents within the required TRICARE time and distance accessibility standards, including establishing an outpatient clinic on or contiguous to NAS-Kingsville.

CHRISTUS Spohn Health System is a growing and vibrant health care system. This year we are celebrating our 100th anniversary so our heritage of commitment to the community, industry and military is strong. I would look forward to this opportunity to grow together. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance as you deliberate your future plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn J. McDonagh".

Kathryn J. McDonagh, Ph.D.
President/CEO

Guide to Information Sources

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Public School Accountability Ratings

Source:

www.tea.state.tx.us (2005, 2004, Historical)

Schools Rated As "Exemplary" in Past 3 Years

Kingsville ISD

Kleberg Elementary
Lamar Elementary
McRoberts Elementary
Harrel Elementary

Alice ISD

Garcia Elementary

Bishop ISD

Bishop High School
Bishop Primary

Calallen ISD

Calallen Middle School
Annville Elementary
Magee Elementary
East Elementary

Corpus Christi ISD

Carroll High School
Central Park Elementary
Garcia Elementary
Los Encinos Elementary
Lozano Elementary
Sanders Elementary
Schanen Elementary
Smith Elementary
Travis Elementary
Windsor Park Elementary
Yeager Elementary
Mireles Elementary
Jones Elementary

Sinton ISD

Sinton High School

Alice ISD

Garcia Elementary

Tuloso-Midway ISD

Tuloso-Midway High School

Flour Bluff ISD

FLour Bluff High School

Gregory-Portland ISD

Austin Elementary
East Cliff Elementary
Gregory Portland Intermediate School

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Hospitals and Medical Facilities

Alice Regional Hospital	361-664-4376
Bay Area Corpus Christi Medical Center	361-761-1200
Doctors Regional Corpus Christi Medical Center	361-761-1400
Corpus Christi Heart Hospital	361-761-6800
Corpus Christi Medical Center Northwest	361-767-4300
Christus Spohn Hospital Alice	361-664-4376
Christus Spohn Hospital Kleberg	361-595-1661
Christus Spohn Hospital Shoreline	361-881-3000
Christus Spohn Hospital Memorial	361-902-4000
Christus Spohn Hospital South	361-985-5000
Columbia North Bay Hospital	361-758-9317
Corpus Christi Rehabilitation Hospital	361-225-2687
Driscoll Children's Hospital	361-694-5000
Kindred Hospital Corpus Christi	361-986-1600

Higher Education Institutions in Region

Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Fall 2004 enrollment - 7,900	361-825-5700
Texas A&M University - Kingsville Fall 2004 enrollment - 6,350	361-5932111
Del Mar College (Corpus Christi) Fall 2004 enrollment - 11,000	361-698-1203
Coastal Bend College (Kingsville, Alice, Beeville) Fall 2004 enrollment - 2,900	361-592-1615
University of Texas Marine Science Institute (Port Aransas)	361-749-6711



**Vice Admiral Albert H.
Konetzni, Jr.**

**Vice Admiral Albert H. Konetzni, Jr.
United States Navy (retired)**

Vice Admiral Al Konetzni, United States Navy retired, is a native of Pleasantville, New York. Attending the United States Naval Academy, Admiral Konetzni graduated and was commissioned an Ensign in June of 1966.

A career Nuclear Submariner, Admiral Konetzni has successfully commanded at all levels and has extensive experience in strategic planning, financial and personnel management, engineering, innovation, foreign affairs, leadership, and lecturing.

During his time as Commander of all United States Submarines in the Pacific from 1998 until 2001, Admiral Konetzni engineered and executed an innovative plan to solve the Navy's high attrition of young Sailors. In 1998 the Navy was losing one of out every three young Sailors from their first commands, after just completing costly initial training. This tragic loss of talented manpower was not acceptable to the Admiral, and he made it his personal goal to solve that problem. The driving force behind a revolutionary program, in just over two years he reduced personnel attrition in the Pacific Fleet Submarine Force from 25% to 7%. Based on these astounding results, the Navy immediately incorporated his program as a model, and today enjoys higher retention and lower attrition than ever in its history. The Wall Street Journal published a front-page article featuring Admiral Konetzni and his attrition achievements (July 2000).

During this same time period, Admiral Konetzni challenged Defense Department and Congressional bureaucracy to save a squadron of submarines from scheduled early decommissioning and destruction. In addition he initiated the study, planning, and execution to return submarines to Guam, Marianas Islands. These actions not only saved billions of taxpayer dollars, but also ensured that proper maritime defense would be in place for the U.S.

From May 2001 thru July 2004 as Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Admiral Konetzni was responsible for the readiness and performance of 160 ships, nearly 1,200 aircraft and 50 bases and facilities manned by more than 133,000 personnel. During this unusually critical three-year period in Naval History, the Navy was called on repeatedly to deploy in defense of the nation. The terrible events in New York and at the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001, tested the readiness of the Atlantic Fleet, and it was Admiral

Konetzni who personally ensured the readiness of those Fleet assets.

Use of the Navy's principal training range on the island of Vieques came to an abrupt end in April 2003. In its place, Admiral Konetzni helped design and implement the Training Resource Strategy that allows the Navy to maintain combat superiority by better utilizing existing training ranges on the East and Gulf Coasts.

In 2003, when the majority of the Atlantic Fleet surged to fight in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Admiral Konetzni helped the Chief of Naval Operations reevaluate how the Navy deployed and could maintain presence globally. He was the principal engineer of the revolutionary Fleet Response Plan (FRP).

FRP has transformed Navy planning and has been heralded as a possible training and maintenance model for adoption by all service branches. Simply stated, the plan calls for the Navy to have six surge-ready Carrier Strike Groups (CSGs), and an additional two CSGs ready to follow shortly thereafter. This plan has enabled the Navy to re-think how it mans, maintains, equips, trains and ultimately, fights its ships.

Admiral Konetzni presently serves as Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the United States Naval Institute, Board Member for the Larry King Cardiac Foundation, Tompkins Builders, Inc., EYP Mission Critical Facilities, Inc., and on the Board of Governors of the We Are Family Foundation. He holds a Masters Degree in Industrial Personnel Administration from George Washington University and has co-authored the book Command at Sea.

For his Naval Service, Admiral Konetzni has received two Distinguished Service Medals, six awards of the Legion of Merit, and three awards of the Meritorious Service Medal. In addition, for his efforts regarding Homeland Security, he received the U.S. Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal.

Admiral Konetzni retired from active duty on 1 September 2004.

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Vice Admiral Anthony (Tony) A. Less, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Vice Admiral Tony Less retired from the Navy in May 1994 after completing more than 34 years on active duty. He was commissioned as Ensign in April 1960 following his completion of the Naval Aviation Officer Candidate Program and he earned his Naval Aviator's wings in June 1961.

Admiral Less' last duty assignment was as Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, an organization that consisted of approximately 60,000 personnel, 2,000 plus aircraft and six aircraft carriers. During his three-year tour, he oversaw the training, equipping, manning and forward deployment of seven (7) carrier battle groups and numerous aircraft squadrons and detachments.

Vice Admiral Less' operational and combat tours included five Light Attack squadron assignments, flying primarily A-4 *Skyhawk* and A-7 *Corsair II* aircraft. VADM Less has logged more than 6,200 hours and over 1,000 arrested carrier landings in navy frontline tactical jets. His sea assignments have included command of Attack Squadron TWELVE, Carrier Air Wing NINE, USS Wichita (AOR-1), USS Ranger (CV-61), Carrier Group ONE, Joint Task Force Middle East and Middle East Force, and duty as Chief of Staff to Commander U.S. SEVENTH Fleet.

VADM Less' shore assignments have included duty as an A-4 *Skyhawk* weapons instructor, Aviation Assignment Officer, Commanding Officer of the Navy's *Blue Angels* Flight Demonstration Squadron, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air Warfare (OP-05) in Washington, D.C., Executive Assistant and Senior Aide to the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command in Honolulu, HI, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate of the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C., Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations) (OP-06B), and as Acting Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans, Policy and Operations) (OP-06).

From 1994 to 1996, VADM Less served both in private consulting positions and full time as President of the Association of Naval Aviation.

From 1996 to 2001, VADM Less served as Vice President for Military Operations at Kaman Aerospace Corporation, Bloomfield, CT, and from 2001 to 2003, he directed efforts of the Kaman, Washington, D.C. office as Vice President for Government Programs.

Education: B.S., Chemistry Heidelberg College, Tiffin, OH - 1959
 Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course – 1979
 Management – Harvard University - 1985

Paul J. Ryan
Rear Admiral, US Navy (retired)

Summary of Relevant Experience:

Retired Navy admiral, last active duty assignment was Commander, Mine Warfare Command in Corpus Christi, TX, 2002-2003. More than 10 years experience in command and executive leadership positions, including command of a nuclear attack submarine, a submarine tender, and a major shore command.

Education:

B.S. US Naval Academy, 1973

M.A. Naval Postgraduate School, 1979

Naval War College, 1990

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Program for Senior Officials in National Security, 1995

MIT Seminar XXI, 2000

Navy Executive Business Course, 2003

History of Navy Assignments:

Commander, Mine Warfare Command, Corpus Christi, TX. 2002-2003. Prepared and deployed forces to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Director, Warfare Programs and Readiness (N8) on the staff of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Deputy Director of the Navy Quadrennial Defense Review Office. Coordinated and developed detailed justification for Navy force structure and infrastructure in support of detailed presentations to the Joint Staff and Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Commanding Officer, USS Philadelphia (SSN 690) and Commanding Officer, USS L.Y. Spear (AS-36). Over 15 years' operational sea duty on 5 submarines and one submarine support ship.

Operational Experience. Over 30 years of active duty, including 10 years in Washington, DC.

Samuel L. Neal, Jr.
Chairman, South Texas Military Facilities Task Force
Former Mayor - City Of Corpus Christi

Biographical Information

Samuel L. Neal, Jr. (Loyd Neal), served as Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi from 1997 until 2005. Mayor Neal is the Chairman of the Corpus Christi Office for Hilb, Rogal and Hobbs (HRH) Insurance Company, the seventh largest agency system in the United States. He has earned several professional insurance designations.

On November 18, 2000, Mayor Neal was installed as President for the Texas Municipal League and served through November 2001 and has since served as Past President for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004. The Mayor continues to serve as Chairman of the South Texas Military Facilities Task Force, was appointed by Governor George Bush to the Texas Strategic Military Planning Commission in 1997 and was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission in 2003. The Mayor has served in numerous leadership positions in the Corpus Christi area over the past 30 years including: Chairman, Corpus Christi Economic Development Corp.; Chairman, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Chairman, Art Museum of South Texas; Chairman, South Texas Homeport Committee; President, Corpus Christi Navy League; and Chairman, Leadership Corpus Christi Alumni. Mr. Neal has been an Adjunct Professor of Insurance at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi since 1973. He serves as a Director on several agency Boards.

Mayor Neal received his B.B.A. in Marketing from Texas A&M University, College Station in 1959, and an MBA in Business Administration from Texas A&I University in 1973.

In 1989, Mayor Neal retired as a Colonel from the Army Reserve, after serving more than 30 years in the active Army and Army Reserve.

