

# **Texas Military Preparedness Commission** Office of the Governor **Naval Air Station Kingsville 2020**

#### MISSION

The primary mission of NAS Kingsville is to provide facilities and support for Training Air Wing Two in producing undergraduate jet/strike pilots for the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps. Pilot production is the responsibility of Training Air Wing Two and its two training squadrons, VT-21 and VT-22 which utilize the Boeing T-45 Goshawk aircraft. NAS Kingsville trains 50 percent of the jet strike pilots for the Navy and Marine Corps.

## TENANT COMMANDS

Training Air Wing Two is comprised of Training Squadron Twenty One (VT-21) and Training Squadron Twenty Two (VT-22) where 200 students report for advanced and undergraduate jet strike training. The students will earn the designation of "Naval Aviators".

Other tenants include The U.S. Army **Reserve Component**, made of F Company and the 370th Transportation Company. Branch Health Clinic Kingsville, L-3 Technologies, Fidelity Technologies, Inc., Rolls Royce, Inc., and CNATRA Contract Maintenance Detachment. For more on CNATRA, please see our page on Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

NAS Kingsville coordinates events with the City of Kingsville throughout the year. One of the most popular events is the Wings Over South Texas Air show, featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. The base participates in a variety of school programs and provide honor guard support. Other community events such as the King Ranch "Ranch training takes between 11-13 months where Hand" Breakfast and Pilot/Skipper for a Day. Local higher education provides additional opportunities at Texas A&M University - Kingsville and Coastal Bend College. NAS Kingsville supports over 29,000 military veterans and their families within a 100 mile radius.

Variable	Total Impact
Direct Employment	1,647
Output to the Texas Economy (in millions)	\$852
GDP (in millions)	\$527
Disposable Personal Income (in millions)	\$289

Source: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2019

### **OUTLOOK**

NAS Kingsville operates 105 T-45 Goshawk aircraft. NAS Kingsville is a highly ranked aviation facility due to a large volume of unencumbered air space (36,000 cubic miles), the availability of landing fields, availability of life-cycle maintenance of the T-45 training system, and excellent weather. NAS Kingsville has adequate hangar space capacity to meet current and projected future requirements. The City of Kingsville was awarded a DEAAG grant to help with encroachment efforts.

