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NAVAL STATION INGLESIDE (NSI) AND PORT CORPUS CHRISTI (POCCA)

HOST A SERIES OF EVENTS HONORING

THE NSI REVERSION TO THE PORT

Corpus Christi, Texas – Naval Station Ingleside and Port Corpus Christi will host a series of events as a tribute to the reversion of NSI to the Port. The first celebration “*Navigate the Change*” will be hosted by the Port on **Thursday, April 22 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, followed by the *official NSI passing of the keys to the Port* on **Friday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m.** at Naval Station Ingleside. On **July 1-5**, the Port will open the doors of NSI inviting the community to “*Sail South Texas 2010*” an international Tall Ship event celebration of liberty, sailing and friendship.

Naval Station Ingleside (NSI) has been designated for closure under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act of 2005 resulting in the departure of the Navy by April 30, 2010. Ownership of the base will revert to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (POCCA) on that date. Anticipating the reversion, the Port has entered into an agreement with the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) to serve as the Master Developer for

the redevelopment of NSI. The facility currently encompasses 576 acres with more than 70 state-of-the-art buildings, including: warehouse facilities, office and administrative offices, barracks, fitness and recreation facilities, a capital-class pier and wharf area, and much more. POCCA has also included 433 acres of green field property bordering the base to be incorporated in the development project to help attract new investment.

Immediately following the turnover of NSI to POCCA, Port Police will relocate its entire Marine Division to the wharf area of the former base. The Marine Division will provide an onsite 24/7 landside presence as well as frequent boat patrols. Additionally, since the former base falls within city limits, Ingleside Police Department will provide patrol response to the facility. All current base security measures will be maintained by an extensive Port Security force and access to the facility will be strictly controlled.

The primary economic engine of the Coastal Bend, Port Corpus Christi is one of the 10 largest ports in the United States in total tonnage. The Port's mission statement is to "serve as a regional economic development catalyst while protecting and enhancing its existing industrial base and simultaneously working to diversify its international maritime cargo business." Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico, with a straight, 45' deep channel, the Port provides quick access to the Gulf and the entire United States inland waterway system. The Port delivers outstanding access to overland transportation with on-site and direct connections to three Class-1 railroads and uncongested interstate and state highways. The Port is protected by a state-of-the-art security department and an award-winning Environmental Management System. With outstanding management and operations staff, Port Corpus Christi is clearly "*More Than You Can Sea.*"