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Issue: United States Coast Guard Operations at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA

The significant responsibility of guarding our coastal borders requires surveillance of expansive patrol areas and a new approach. Expanding United States Coast Guard missions at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA will assist in addressing maritime border security concerns.

- Kings Bay is strategically located between the busy ports of Savannah, GA and Brunswick, GA to the north, and Jacksonville, FL to the south.
- Waterfront facilities, including piers, boat ramps and small boat maintenance, offer a wide range of support to Coast Guard inshore and offshore operations.
- Kings Bay is a secure location at which to locate critical facilities and from which to base operations.
- Proximity to Naval and other military forces can effectively provide the opportunity to increase the number of missions, thereby increasing the effectiveness of surveillance in the maritime awareness domain.

Coast Guard presence in Camden County, GA:

- Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) Kingsbay operates out of the City of St. Marys, GA.
 - MSST is a mobile unit with specialized capabilities that performs a broad spectrum of port safety and security operations. A quick-response unit, it meets changing threat environments in harbors, ports, and waterways.
 - MSST Kingsbay is staffed with approximately 100 active duty and reserve Coast Guard men and women.
 - Unit capabilities include high-speed, armed homeland security boats, canine explosive detection teams, an underwater detection dive team and shore-side protection teams.
- A separate unit, located on the Submarine Base is currently being manned.
 - The unit's mission is to provide security for Trident submarines operating out of Kings Bay.
 - Sea Dragon, an 87-foot Coast Guard cutter is scheduled to arrive in October.

Recommendation. Continue to identify and increase Coast Guard roles at Kings Bay as new technology, platforms and procedures are integrated to enhance maritime domain awareness.

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