



THE FORMER KELLY AIR FORCE BASE SAN ANTONIO, TX

Kelly Field, later Kelly Air Force Base, established in 1917, was one of the Air Force's oldest continuously active air bases. Since base closure in 2001, 1,887 acres have been transferred from the Air Force to Port San Antonio. Port San Antonio is a growing commercial center and logistics platform strategically located in the heart of Texas. It features an industrial airport, railport and an emerging town center which have attracted an array of new employers and has become an important regional economic engine.

- Some 70 organizations have established a presence at Port San Antonio, including Boeing, Pratt & Whitney, and Lockheed Martin.
- Today these employers provide jobs to 14,000 area workers, with an annual economic impact of \$4.2 billion for the region.
- The Air Force has leased back about 200 acres from Port San Antonio, including Building 171, which now houses 11 Air Force Agencies.



Original entrance to Kelly Field



Air Force Real Property Agency Director Mr. Robert Moore (right) signs deed over to Port San Antonio CEO, Mr. Bruce Miller



Entrance to Port San Antonio

The closure of Kelly AFB was one of the largest, most complex and difficult base closures in Department of Defense history. Kelly AFB was one of two major Air Force logistics depots closed as part of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure round. Since the BRAC decision for closure:

- Extensive environmental investigation and cleanup have resulted in achievement of the required Operating Properly and Successfully determination by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for 43 selected remedies at the former base.
- The Air Force has spent \$268 million on the environmental cleanup of Kelly AFB.
- Environmental treatments include the use of permeable reactive barriers, groundwater treatment plants, and innovative remediation technologies to expedite cleanup.

"It has been a long and heartening journey since I was Mayor in 1995 when the decision came down to close Kelly, but it turned out to be successful with the private sector coming in to create more jobs."

- Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff

The Air Force and Port San Antonio will continue to work together to complete the environmental cleanup while developing property as part of the Port's Master Plan.