Historic Preservation Notice - SOQ-A (1941)

- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION NOTICE:** NASCC proposes to demolish SOQ-A, the residence of CNATRA, on King Drive. Constructed in the summer of 1941 for the Commanding Officer of the new air station, the house was significantly damaged by Hurricane Harvey in August 2017. Excessive water damage created widespread black-mold infestation throughout the residence, forcing the Admiral and his family to vacate the premises in July 2018. Navy engineers confirmed that the cost to effect numerous structural repairs, mitigate mold, and reoccupy the 80-year-old building would total between $1M to $1.8M; figures that exceeded new construction costs. CNATRA and his family successfully relocated to SOQ-E on King Drive prompting NASCC to declare SOQ-A excess to the mission. An economic analysis determined that the demolition of SOQ-A represents the most prudent and feasible alternative to NASCC. Because SOQ-A is a “historic property” determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, NASCC is currently consulting with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer and the Nueces County Historical Commission to resolve the adverse effect of demolition. Please contact NAVFAC SOUTHEAST Architect Donna Covington at donna.covington@navy.mil if you seek additional information or wish to provide comments. Please provide questions and comments to Ms. Covington no later than Monday 16 November 2020.