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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. *Name of Property*

Historic Name: NAS Chase Field, Building 1042

Other name/site number: Brig

2. *Location*

Street & Number: Ofstie Road, 0.60 miles south-southeast of the intersection of
Texas State Highway 202 and Independence Street

City/Town: Beeville

Not for Publication: N/A

State: TX Code: 041 County: Bee

Code: 025 Zip Code: 78102

3. *Classification*

Ownership of Property: Public: federal

Category of Property: Building

Number of Resources within Property: 1

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic and Architectural
Resources of NAS Chase Field,
Beeville, Texas.

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] Signature of certifying official 15 Dec. 1993 Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
See continuation sheet.

[Signature] Signature of commenting or other official January 6, 1994 Date

Dept. of the Navy Federal Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register
- ☐ removed from the National Register
- ☐ other (explain):

[Signature] Entered in the
National Register

[Signature] Signature of Keeper

2/23/94
Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic:	Defense	Sub:	Naval Facility
Current :	Vacant/Not in Use	Sub:	

7. Description

Architectural Classification: No Style

Materials: foundation: Concrete
 walls: Synthetics
 roof: Other
 other:

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

☒ See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

Applicable National Register Criteria: A

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): Not Applicable

Areas of Significance: Military

Period(s) of Significance: 1943-1945

Significant Dates: 1943

Significant Person(s): Not Applicable

Cultural Affiliation: Not Applicable

Architect/Builder: Robert & Company/Brown Bellows & Columbia

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

☒ See continuation sheet.

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Section numbers 7 and 8

Description

Building 1042 is a 1-story building that served as the brig for NAS Chase Field until its conversion into an armory in 1969. The building is in near the center of the base, at the intersections of Ofstie Road and Essex Street. The building occupies relatively level ground with minimal landscaping and plantings. With a modified T-shaped plan, Building 1042 has a concrete foundation and wood-frame construction that is covered with galbestos siding. The old brig lacks any noteworthy or distinctive stylistic ornamentation; however, the property is in good-to-fair condition and has changed very little since its construction.

Located at the east corner of the intersection of Ofstie Road and Essex Street, Building 1042 and its adjoining grounds are surrounded by a chain-link fence. The 1-story, wood-frame building has a modified T-shaped plan and a concrete-slab foundation. Galbestos siding covers the exterior walls, and the flat roof has built-up tar-and-gravel roofing material. The 2-part massing includes a 10-foot wing to the southeast (the stem of the T-shaped plan) and a 12-foot section (the top of the T-plan) from southwest to northeast. The northeast facade is marked by a small, shed-roofed porch with square posts for supports. The windows are double hung with 6/6 lights. The northeast end of the southeast elevation has a continuous series of double-hung windows with metal prison bars. This window pattern and detailing is repeated on the northwest elevation. The prison cells were in this (the northeast) section of the building. Building 1042 remains virtually unaltered on the exterior, although it was converted into an armory in 1969.

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Statement of Significance

Building 1042, the Old Brig is one of the 30 surviving historic resources dating from the original 1943-1944 construction at Chase Field. Although a number of historic resources survive from the original period of construction, most have been altered — some beyond recognition — over the years. While lacking architectural distinction, the Old Brig retains its original appearance to a remarkable degree. As a result, the building conveys a clear sense of the World War II-era and the emergency military construction conditions under which it was built. The building is directly associated with the historic context, *Chase Field: A World War II Naval Auxiliary Air Station, 1943-1946* and with the statewide context, *U.S. Military 1919-1945*. It is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance under Criterion A for its historic associations with the naval auxiliary air station and its World War II-era mission.

The small, three-celled jail was built to hold naval personnel who committed relatively minor infractions of the military code. For more serious offenses, such as aggravated assault or murder, detainees were moved to the larger confinement facilities at NAS Corpus Christi. The building served as a brig until 1969, when NAS Chase Field was at the height of its jet training program and approximately 5,000 military and civilian personnel were employed at the base. At that time, a modern detention center was constructed for the base and the brig was converted to an armory.

While its use has changed, the physical appearance of the brig remains virtually the same as when it was designed by Robert & Company from standard Navy Yards and Docks guidelines for the original auxiliary air station in 1943. Although the small utilitarian building retains its integrity to a large extent, its unornamented, standard plan is not indicative of any particularly noteworthy or unique design. However, because the building's unaltered appearance evokes a strong visual sense of the World War II-era in which it was constructed, it is significant for its historic associations with the auxiliary naval air station and its mission.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Historic Context List of References.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☒ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☒ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # HABS No. TX-3397-E
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- ☒ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other state agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: 14/631220/3138960

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of NAS Chase Field, Building 1042 is shown as the dashed line on the accompanying map entitled "NAS Chase Field, Site Plan of Building 1042"

Boundary Justification:

The boundary encompasses Building 1042 and the grounds immediately surrounding it that distinguish the historic resource from adjoining property. Intrabase thoroughfares surround the nominated property on the northwest, southwest and southeast. The northeast border extends along a parking lot that sets apart the nominated property from adjoining areas.

11. Form Prepared By

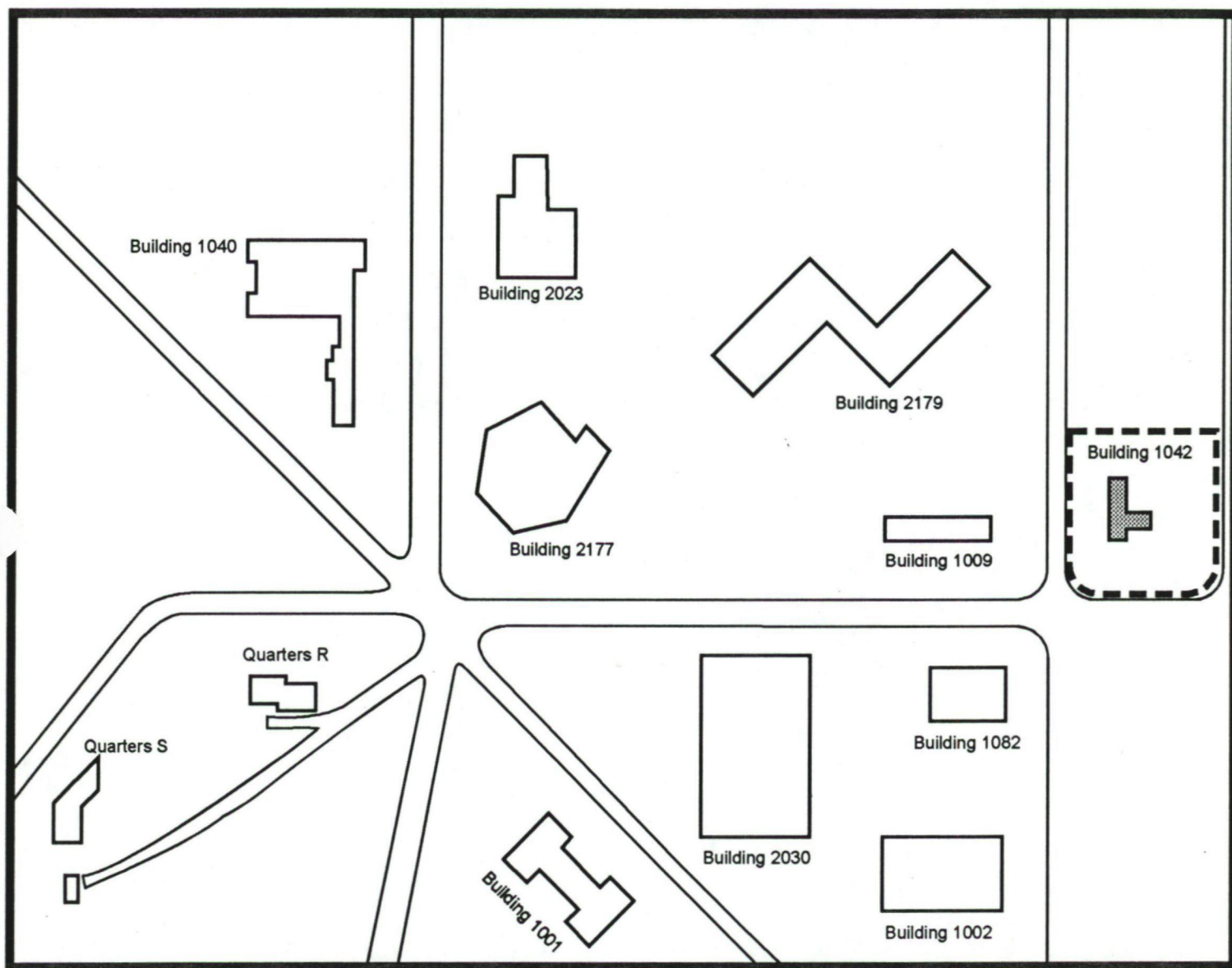
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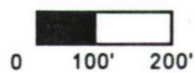
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NAS Chase Field, Site Plan of Building 1042

----- Boundaries



HMM & Associates, June 1993



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: NAS Chase Field--Building 1042

MULTIPLE NAME: NAS Chase Field MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Bee

DATE RECEIVED: 1/13/94
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/11/94
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/26/94
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/27/94

REFERENCE NUMBER: 94000054

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 2/23/94 DATE ^{Entered in the} _{National Register}

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTMs ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



NAME OF PROPERTY: BUILDING 1042

LOCATION: OFSTIE ROAD

NAS CHASE FIELD, BEEVILLE, TEXAS

PHOTO BY: DANIEL HARDY

DATE OF PHOTOGRAPH: JUNE 1992

LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: TEXAS HIST. COMMISSION
AUSTIN, TEXAS

CAMERA LOOKING: WEST

PHOTOGRAPH: 9 OF 14



STATION WEAPONS

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LOCATION OF NEGATIVE: TEXAS HIST. COMMISSION

AUSTIN, TEXAS

CAMERA LOOKING: NORTH

PHOTOGRAPH: 10 OF 14