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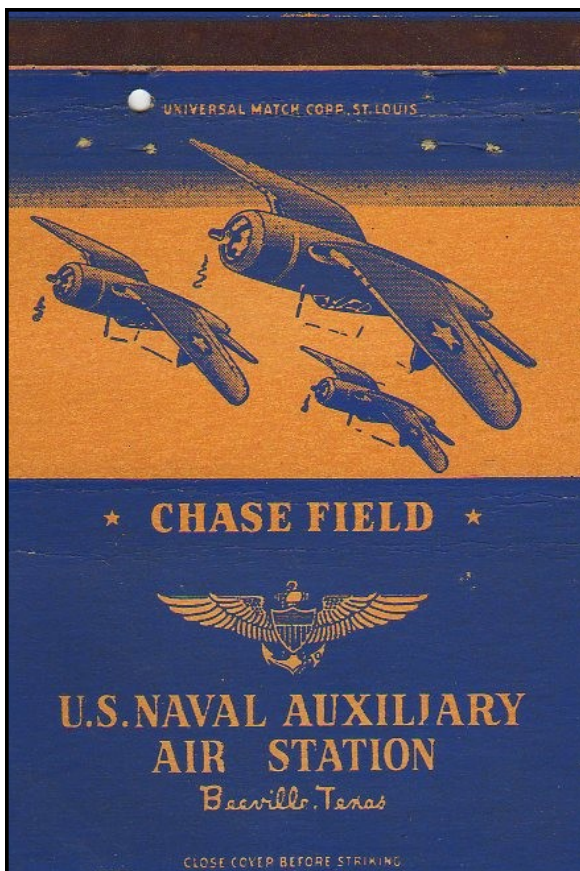
## Chase Field

### Military Corner

This site in Beeville, Texas, was originally the Beeville Municipal Airport. The date of construction of the Beeville Municipal Airport is unknown. The land was leased to the Navy in 1943 for the construction of Chase Field, a training base for Naval Air Cadets. It was used as one of three satellite airfields for Corpus Christi NAS.

Chase Field was closed by the Navy in 1946. The Chase Field property was used for a few months in 1947 as the temporary campus of the Arts & Technological College (later to become Texas A & M University at Corpus Christi). However, the base was reopened in 1953, due to the Korean War and the need for training in jet aircraft, such as the TV-2 and the F9F-8T. This resulted in a significant expansion of the original facilities.

Chase Field was identified for closure during the 1991 Base Realignment and Closure process, and shut its gates in 1993. Apparently, the airfield has never been reused for civilian purposes, even though the facilities are extensive and in excellent shape. Most of the non-aviation buildings of the base have been taken over by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, which operates a prison on the site. The local government is trying to redevelop the remainder of the base as the Chase Field Industrial Park. The airfield includes three paved runways (each approximately 9,500 ft long), extensive taxiways, ramps and buildings. It is depicted as an abandoned airfield on current Sectional Charts.



[<http://naschasefield.com/history.htm>]

