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## **DEDICATION CEREMONY**

# **GONZALEZ HALL**

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## **SEPTEMBER 18, 1976**

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NAVAL AIR STATION CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

#### SERGEANT ALFREDO GONZALEZ

Sergeant Alfredo Gonzalez was the posthumous recipient of the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as Platoon Commander with the Third Platoon, Company A, First Battalion, First Marine Division in the Republic of Vietnam.

During the initial phase of Operation Hue City, Sergeant Gonzalez' unit was formed as a reaction force and deployed to Hue to relieve the pressure on the beleaguered city. While moving along Route 1 near the village of Lang Van Lrong, his unit received a heavy volume of enemy fire. Sergeant Gonzalez aggressively maneuvered the Marines in his platoon and directed their fire until the area was cleared of snipers. After crossing a river south of Hue, his unit again came under intensive enemy fire. Sergeant Gonzalez observed a seriously wounded Marine lying dangerously exposed to the hostile enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety and with fragmentation wounds himself, he ran through the fire-swept area and carried the wounded marine to a covered position for treatment.

Although seriously wounded again, Sergeant Gonzalez refused medical treatment and continued to supervise his men and lead the attack, fearlessly moving from position to position firing at the heavily fortified enemy emplacement. On 4 February 1968, he successfully knocked out a rocket position and suppressed much of the enemy fire before falling mortally wounded.

The heroism, courage, and dynamic leadership displayed by Sergeant Gonzalez reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

### PROGRAM

Welcome - Captain M. H. ISAACKS, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas

Advance the Colors

Present Arms

National Anthem - Naval Air Training Command Band

Dedicatory Prayer - Captain S. L. ROBERTS, Jr., CHC, USN Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas

Unveiling of Plaque

Dedication - Captain R. D. COLVIN, USN, Commander, Training Air Wing Four

Guest of Honor - Mrs. Dolia GONZALEZ, Edinburg, Texas

Benediction - Lieutenant J. F. SALAS, Jr., CHC, USNR Naval Regional Medical Center

Retire the Colors