

## USCG Aviation Technical Training Center

Elizabeth City, North Carolina

In the early years of Coast Guard Aviation, the US Coast Guard trained its enlisted aviation personnel at Navy schools. In 1949, Aviation Machinist's Mate (AD) "A" school was moved from San Diego, CA to the Aircraft Repair and Supply Center (ARSC) in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. That same year saw the movement of Aviation Electrician (AE), Aviation Structural Mechanic (AM) and Aviation Electronicsman (AL) "A" schools from San Diego, CA to the Naval Training Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

In August 1972, the Office of Personnel, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, commissioned an in-depth study of the aviation technical training needs of the Coast Guard. The study pointed out the growing need to train Coast Guard personnel to operate and maintain Coast Guard equipment different than the equipment used by the Navy. With unique specifications for Coast Guard aircraft and different maintenance philosophies existing between the two services, the Coast Guard eventually determined that centralized training under one management would enhance effectiveness.

