

U.S. Marine Corps

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR : CALIFORNIA

Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar is located about 10 miles north of downtown San Diego in Miramar, California.

MCAS Miramar is home to the Third Marine Aircraft Wing (3D MAW), which comprises the aviation element of the First Marine



Expeditionary Force (I MEF). MCAS Miramar is one of the Marine Corps' major west coast aviation installations. The air station

hosts the Miramar Air Show annually.

MCAS Miramar has an estimated annual economic impact of nearly \$650 million.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **San Diego, CA**
- » Land Area: **23,065 acres**
- » Military Operations/Sorties: **~112,000 per year**
- » Military Personnel: **10,500**
- » Civilian Personnel: **1,800**



Top: An MV-22B Osprey in Flight. MCAS Miramar is home currently to 6 Squadrons of MV-22Bs. (Defense Industry Daily photo)

Left: An FA-18 awaits function checks during squadron training operations at MCAS Miramar. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)



MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material support to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and other tenant organizations.

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **3D Marine Aircraft Wing:** Provides combat ready expeditionary aviation forces capable of short notice worldwide deployment to Marine Air-Ground Task Force, fleet, and unified commanders. At MCAS Miramar, 3D MAW includes Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 3 and the following groups:
 - **Marine Aircraft Group 11:** Provides air support to Marine Air Ground Task Force commanders. Includes Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadrons (VMFA (AW)) 225; Marine Fighter Attack Squadrons (VMFA) 232, 314 and 323; Marine Fighter Attack Training Squadron (VMFAT) 101; Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron (VMGR) 352; Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 11, and Marine Wing Support Squadrons (MWSS) 373.
 - **Marine Aircraft Group 16:** Provides air support to Marine Air Ground Task Force commanders. Includes the Marine Heavy Helicopter (HMH) Squadrons 361, 462, 465, and 466; Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadrons (VMM) 161, 163, 165, 166, 268 and 363; Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS) 16; and Marine Wing Service Support 374.
 - **Marine Air Control Group 38:** Provides air support to Marine Air Ground Task Force commanders. Includes the 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion (3rd LAAD); Marine Air Control Squadron 1 (MACS-1); Marine Air Support Squadron 3 (MASS-3); Marine Tactical Air Command Squadron 38 (MTACS-38); and Marine Wing Communications Squadron 38 (MWCS-38).
- » **Combat Logistics Company 11, 1st Marine Logistics Group:** Provides intermediate supply support and intermediate motor transport and engineer ground equipment maintenance to their Marine Aircraft Wings (MAWs); operate the Aerial Port of Embarkation/Debarcation (APOE/D) under the guidance of the Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF); and provide personnel to the Fleet Assistance Program (FAP) in support of legal, postal, exchange, security (military police), personnel administration, freight/passenger transportation, and bulk fuel support for their respective Marine Corps Air Stations.
- » **Joint Regional Correctional Facility Southwest:** Ensures administration, security, good order, discipline, and safety of prisoners and detained personnel from all military Services; to re-train and restore maximum number of personnel to honorable service; to prepare remaining prisoners for return to civilian life as productive citizens.

For more information, please see <<http://www.miramar.marines.mil>>



Above: MCAS Miramar overview of then Naval Air Station Miramar, California (USA), March 4, 1954, and a U.S. Navy Grumman F9F-6P Cougar reconnaissance plane. (U.S. Navy National Museum of Naval Aviation photo No. 1999.272.021)

COMMANDER RANK

Colonel

TRAINING RANGES

East Miramar (Ground Training and Rifle/Pistol Ranges)

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Home to the 3D Marine Aircraft Wing
- » Goal of net zero energy use
- » Second largest Department of Defense contracts and highest military payroll
- » Home to Miramar Airshow, Mitscher Airfield, Flying Leathernecks Aviation Museum, Joint Regional Correctional Facility Southwest, and a national cemetery
- » Home to ten species designated as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act
- » Known as the former location for U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School ("TOPGUN") and the movie "TOPGUN"