

U.S. Marine Corps

## CAMP PENDLETON : CALIFORNIA

Camp Pendleton is located along the coast of southern California. It has the largest remaining tract of undeveloped coastline in southern California and includes coastal bluffs, wetlands, and montane environments.

Camp Pendleton is a major west coast facility for the U.S. Marine Corps, which uses the base for amphibious and sea-to-shore training



and other supporting Marine Air Ground Task. As such, the camp is home to several Marine Corps units, including

the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and the 1st Marine Division, which is the oldest and largest division in the Marine Corps.

As the largest employer in San Diego County for more than 65 years, Camp Pendleton has had an estimated regional economic impact of approximately \$6.1 billion.

### FAST FACTS

- » Location: **San Diego County, CA (near Oceanside, Fallbrook and San Clemente)**
- » Land Area: **127,159 acres**
- » Special Use Airspace: **180 square nautical miles**
- » Military Personnel: **42,916**
- » Civilian Personnel: **6,100 and 2,491 others**



**Above:** Marines with Alpha Company, Infantry Training Battalion, School of Infantry-West completing their culminating event at Range 408. The range includes and implements the different infantry occupational specialties at the company level. Medium/light machine guns and mortars suppress the enemy first, providing the supporting fire for a squad size element of riflemen and assaultmen. Infantry Training Battalion trains all infantry, entry-level Marines in the skills essential to operating in a combat environment. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

**Left (Above):** An Abrams Tank breaches a barrier during a training exercise at Camp Pendleton. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

### MISSION STATEMENT

Operate a training base that promotes the combat readiness of the Operating Forces and the mission of other tenant commands by providing training opportunities, facilities, services, and support responsive to the needs of Marines, Sailors, and their families.

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### UNIT MISSIONS

- » **1st Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF):** Deploys and is employed as a Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) in support of Combatant Commander (COCOM) requirements for contingency response or Major Theater War; with appropriate augmentation, serves as the core element of a Joint Task Force (JTF); prepares and deploys combat ready MAGTF's to support COCOM presence and crisis response; and supports service and COCOM initiatives as required.
- » **1st Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group:** Provides administrative, training, and logistical support while in the continental United States. Includes the 1 MEF command staff; 1st Intelligence Battalion; 9th Communications Battalion; 1st Radio Battalion; and 1st Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company.
- » **1st Marine Division:** Provides the ground amphibious forcible entry capability to the naval expeditionary force and conducts subsequent land operations in any operational environment. Includes the 1st, 5th, 7th, and 11th Marine Regiments; 1st and 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion; 1st Tank Battalion; 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion; 1st and 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion; 1st Marine Division Band; 1st Reconnaissance Battalion; and 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment.
- » **1st Marine Logistics Group:** Provides direct support to the I MEF ground combat element and general support and sustained tactical-level logistics support above the capabilities of I MEF units. Includes Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 15, and 17; and 1st Dental Battalion.
- » **3rd Marine Aircraft Wing:** Provides combat ready expeditionary aviation forces capable of short notice world wide deployment to Marine Air-Ground Task Force, fleet, and unified commanders. Camp Pendleton units include the Marine Aircraft Group 39 (Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 169, 267, 367, 369, 469; Marine Light Attack Training Squadron 303; Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 268 and 364; Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron; and Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39); Marine Air Support Squadron (Marine Aircraft Group 38); and Marine Wing Support Squadron (Marine Aircraft Group 37).
- » **Marine Expeditionary Units:** Provides geographic combatant commanders with a forward-deployed, rapid-response force capable of conducting conventional amphibious and selected maritime special operations at night or under adverse weather conditions by sea, surface, or air while under communications and electronics restrictions. Includes the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (3rd Battalion, 1st Marines; Marine Medical Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 268; Combat Logistics Battalion 11); 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (1st Battalion, 1st Marines; HMM-163; Combat Logistics Battalion 13); and 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (1st Battalion, 4th Marines; HMM-165; Combat Logistics Battalion 15).
- » **Marine Corps Installations West (MCIWEST):** Implements policies, develops regional strategies, and plans, prioritizes, and provides services, direction, and oversight through assigned U.S. Marine Corps Installations in order to support the Operating Forces, tenant commands and activities.
- » **1st Marine Special Operations Battalion:** Organized, trained, and equipped to deploy for worldwide missions as directed by Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command.
- » **Wounded Warriors Battalion-West:** Provides facilities and access to medical care to assist Marines as they return to duty or transition to civilian life.



**Above:** The California Least Tern is one of 17 threatened or endangered species found at the Camp Pendleton. (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service photo)

### COMMANDER RANK

Brigadier General

### TRAINING & TESTING RANGES

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### UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Part of Marine Corps Installations -West
- » Prime amphibious training base for the U. S. Marine Corps
- » Home of MCAS Camp Pendleton
- » One of the largest last remaining tracts of undeveloped land in southern California
- » Home to 17 threatened or endangered species and roaming bison
- » Protected 1,291 acres under the Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative
- » Goal of net zero energy use
- » Constructed and Operating a solar field array (1.5 MW) at a closed landfill site
- » Home of Wounded Warrior Battalion West Barracks – U.S. Marine Corps first LEED Platinum certified building



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- » **Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity:** Provides technical support to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command, and Program Managers to acquire and sustain Command, Control, Communication, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) products for operating forces.
- » **Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's Weapons & Field Training Battalion:** Provides instruction to recruits in rifle marksmanship, designated Marine Corps Common Skills, and facilitate the conduct of the Crucible in accordance with the Program of Instruction, in order to support the making of the highest quality Marine.
- » **Navy's Assault Craft Unit 5 (ACU-5):** Operates the Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) in support of amphibious operations.
- » **Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton (NHCP):** Provides outpatient and inpatient care for active duty service members, their family members, retired military members, their eligible family members, and eligible family members of deceased military.
- » **1st Dental Battalion:** Provides oral healthcare for war fighters and maintain operational readiness.
- » **Field Medical Training Battalion-West:** Provides training for Fleet Marine Force Hospital Corpsman assigned to the Marine Corps Operational Forces.
- » **Assault Amphibian School Battalion:** Provides training for commanders, crew, and repairmen at Camp Pendleton.
- » **School of Infantry-West:** Marines who receive the infantry military specialty are trained at Infantry Training Battalion (ITB), and all non-infantry Marine's are trained in basic infantry/Marine common skills at Marine Combat Training Battalion (MCT).
- » **Marine Corps University:** Develops, delivers, and evaluates professional military education and training through resident and distant education programs in order to prepare leaders to meet the challenges of operational environments.

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



**Above:** A Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC), assigned to Assault Craft Unit Five (ACU-5) operates along Camp Pendleton's coast. (U.S. Navy photo)