

U.S. Navy

## NAVAL BASE CORONADO : CALIFORNIA

Formed in 1997, Naval Base Coronado is a consortium of eight military installations stretching from San Clemente Island (78 miles west of San Diego, in the Pacific Ocean) to Mountain Warfare Training Camp Michael Monsoor (60 miles east of San Diego).

With more than 100 tenant commands calling Naval Base Coronado home, Naval Base Coronado provides a shore-based platform for helicopters, aircraft carriers, Sea, Air and Land (SEAL)



Teams and a multitude of other ashore and afloat commands.

It includes Naval Air Station North Island, the “Birthplace of Naval Aviation,” Naval Amphibious Base

Coronado, one of only two amphibious bases in the nation, and Naval Outlying Landing Field (NOLF) Imperial Beach, which is nicknamed “The Helicopter Capital of the World.”

The military's total economic impact in San Diego is in excess of \$30.5 billion.

### FAST FACTS

- » Location: **San Diego County, CA**
- » Land Area: **57,000 acres**
- » Personnel: **31,000+**



**Above:** Explosive ordnance disposal technicians rappel from an SH-60 Sea Hawk helicopter during an event at NOLF Imperial Beach. (U.S. Navy photo)

**Left:** Sailors form up to man the rails as the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) departs NAS North Island. (U.S. Navy photo)

### MISSION STATEMENT

In order to support the Fleet, Fighter and Family, our goal is to provide the highest quality base operating support and quality of life services to U.S. Navy operating forces and other assigned and visiting activities. We seek to provide the right support at the right time in the right amount, enabling operating forces to produce the right level of combat readiness.

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## INSTALLATIONS

**Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island:** Located on the north end of the Coronado peninsula, NAS North Island is officially recognized as the “Birthplace of Naval Aviation.” The installation hosts roughly 18 naval aviation squadrons and over 80 additional tenant commands, including Naval Aviation Fleet Readiness Center Southwest which is the largest aerospace employer in San Diego. It includes Imperial Beach Outlying Landing Field and is homeport for two aircraft carriers – the USS Carl Vinson (Carrier Strike Group 1) and USS Ronald Reagan (Carrier Strike Group 9).

**Naval Outlying Landing Field, Imperial Beach (NOLF):** NOLF is located south of San Diego in the City of Imperial Beach. The Navy leases over 30 percent of the landing field to local farmers and the State of California for a wildlife refuge. The landing field, which is a branch of the NAS North Island, is primarily used for helicopter operations. NAS North Island carries out approximately 95 percent of its helicopter operations at the Outlying Landing Field.

**Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) Coronado:** NAB Coronado is located in the City of Coronado, on a sliver of land between the San Diego Bay and the Pacific Ocean. The base is one of only two amphibious training bases in the United States and includes the Main Base, several training beaches, enlisted family housing, a recreational marina, a state park and a preserve for the California least tern. NAB Coronado hosts nearly 30 commands and is a major facility for special and expeditionary warfare training and testing.

**Silver Strand Training Complex (SSTC):** SSTC is located between Imperial Beach and Silver Strand State Beach. It is the premier training facility for the Navy’s special warfare forces. The complex’s unique location allows waterborne approaches from the Pacific Ocean and San Diego Bay.

**Training Facility, Warner Springs:** Training Facility Warner Springs is located in northwestern San Diego County with portions in the Cleveland National Forest. The facility is one of two Navy Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) schools in the United States. SERE training primarily focuses on training students to survive in hostile environments until rescued. Over 1,500 students per year train at the facility in Warner Springs.

**Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) San Clemente Island:** NALF San Clemente Island is located 78 miles west of San Diego in the Pacific Ocean. The U.S. Navy maintains full ownership of the island. For over 70 years the U.S. Navy has operated NALF San Clemente Island as a tactical training range and research and testing area.

**Camp Michael Monsoor:** Camp Michael Monsoor is located east of San Diego near the City of Campo. Naval Special Warfare Group One is the primary operator of Camp Michael Monsoor which uses the camp as a training facility for SEAL Teams.

**Camp Morena:** Camp Morena, Naval Base Coronado’s newest installation, is located north of Lake Moreno, near Campo, CA. Camp Morena supports operations at Camp Michael Monsoor, providing administrative, berthing and classroom support for Naval Special Warfare activities as well as Low Impact Military Operations Training in Urban Terrain.

For more information, please see < <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Coronado> >



**Above:** Areas of NAB Coronado have been designated as critical habitat for the endangered Western Snowy Plover and the California Least Tern (pictured above). To accommodate these species, the Navy physically marks nests, moves training during nesting seasons and conducts an active predator control program. (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service photo)

### COMMANDER RANK

Captain (O-6)

### TRAINING & TESTING RANGES

Silver Strand Training Complex  
Warner Springs Training Facility  
San Clemente Island

### UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Includes 18 aviation squadrons, two aircraft carriers, 21 piers and wharfs, three airfields, and 45 miles of shoreline
- » Environmental steward for 31 listed species, 22 of which are located on San Clemente Island
- » Includes NAS North Island “The Birthplace of Aviation”
- » Home to Navy’s only Deep Submerged Rescue vehicles
- » Includes NOLF Imperial Beach, “Helicopter Capitol of the World”
- » Renewable energy systems exceed 2,000 kilowatts and are producing over three million kilowatt hours per year.