

U.S. Navy

## NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON : NEVADA

Established in 1942, Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon is located in the Lahontan Valley of west-central Nevada in the remnants of an ancient lake bed. Because of the arid climate, much of the local area around NAS Fallon is irrigated farmland.

NAS Fallon was originally designed as a fallback airstrip to defend against a Japanese strike on the West Coast during World



War II. Today it is the Navy's premier tactical air warfare training center,

specializing in air-to-air and air-to-ground training. Fully 80% of all munitions dropped from Navy aircraft in training land on the Fallon Range Training Complex (FRTC). NAS Fallon is also the Navy's only air station capable of supporting an entire carrier air wing at one time.

NAS Fallon's total economic impact is \$573 million.

### FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Churchill County, NV (near Fallon)**
- » Land Area: **8,600 acres (+ 240,000 acres of FRTC/BLM)**
- » Special Use Airspace: **13,000 square miles**
- » Sorties/Operations: **51,000 per year**
- » Military Personnel: **930 active duty**
- » Civilian Personnel: **420 civilians and 1,400 contractors**



**Above:** The Van Voorhis Airfield at NAS Fallon is named after Lieutenant Commander Bruce Avery Van Voorhis, Nevada's only native-born Medal of Honor recipient.

**Left:** Members of the ground crew at NAS Fallon prepare F/A-18C Hornet strike fighters for the final phase of training of a carrier air wing. (U.S. Navy photo)

### MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

To provide the most realistic integrated air warfare training support available to carrier air wings, tenant commands and individual units participating in training events, including joint and multinational exercises, while remaining committed to its assigned personnel. In support of these critical training and personnel requirements, NAS Fallon continually upgrades and maintains the Fallon range complex, the airfield, aviation support facilities and base living/recreation accommodations, ensuring deployed unit training and a local quality of life second to none.

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## TENANT COMMANDS

- » **Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center (NAWDC):** Provides service to aircrews, squadrons, and air wings throughout the U. S. Navy through flight training, academic instructional classes, and direct operational and intelligence support. Includes Top Gun, the Rotary Wing Weapons School, the Electronic Attack Weapons School, and Carrier Airborne Early Warning School.
- » **Fighter Squadron Composite 13 (VFC-13) (“Fighting Saints”):** Provides quality adversary training for regular Navy fleet and replacement squadrons and air wings, reserve fighter and attack squadrons, U.S.A.F. and U.S.M.C. units, and Canadian forces.
- » **Strike Fighter Wing Pacific Detachment Fallon (SFWPD):** Supports F/A-18 series Hornet and Super Hornet aircraft during Fleet Replacement Squadron training detachments and Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor detachments in support of Naval Strike Air Warfare Center Top Gun classes.
- » **Fleet Readiness Center West Detachment Fallon:** Supports detachments of Strike Fighter Wing Detachment, Fallon, VFC-13, and NSAWC. Additionally, FRC West provides transient maintenance for carrier air wings and for USMC aircraft.
- » **Naval Munitions Command West-Detachment Fallon:** Provides for management of the station Combat Aircraft Loading Area (CALA) in support of local aircraft loading and explosives handling operations. Assembles and delivers conventional air launched weapons to the CALA.
- » **Naval Aviation Forecasting Component (NAFCOMP):** Provides the full spectrum of meteorological products, forecasts, and services, including tactical forecasts, in support of NAS Fallon.
- » **Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS):** Investigates all major crimes occurring aboard NAS Fallon properties, whether involving active duty, civilian, and/or contractor personnel. NCIS also provides counter-intelligence support to all local commands, and is responsible for all liaisons with federal, state, and local agencies with respect to criminal investigative, counterintelligence, and security matters.
- » **Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment:** Conducts sweep operations for unexploded ordnance utilizing all-terrain vehicles and helicopters on Fallon's Range Training Complex. The unit also maintains the Navy's only high altitude dive locker.

For more information, please see < <http://www.cnicy.navy.mil/fallon/> >



**Above:** An SH-60F Seahawk helicopter departs after delivering Navy SEAL Team members in response to a simulated crash during an exercise at NAS Fallon. (U.S. Navy photo)

### COMMANDER RANK

Captain (O-6)

### TRAINING & TESTING RANGES

FRTC includes four bombing ranges and the Electronic Warfare Range. The FRTC land is withdrawn yet still owned by BLM and maintained by NAS Fallon. The FRTC use is scheduled by the Naval Aviation Warfighting Development Center as a tenant command.

### UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » All Navy carrier air wings must be trained at NAS Fallon prior to deployment
- » Home to the Fallon Range Training Complex, Fleet Readiness Center West, and Van Voorhies Airfield
- » Has the longest runway in the Navy (14,005 feet ) and one of the shortest (7,000 feet)
- » The air traffic control tower is the tallest edifice (at 8 stories high) between Reno, Nevada and Salt Lake City, Utah.
- » Home of the Top Gun training program since 1996
- » Surrounded by an extensive network of canals and irrigated fields, which brings a plethora of animal species
- » Alfalfa is the primary crop surrounding NAS Fallon