## **Mission: Operation MCAS Miramar**

## WELCOME ABOARD MARINE CORPS AIR STATION MIRAMAR!!!

Enter the fascinating world of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, a truly unique and exclusive event site.

Since the dawn of aviation, MCAS Miramar has been the most well known military air station in the world. From Charles Lindbergh's flight tests on the Spirit of St. Louis, to the world conditions of today, Miramar has been in the forefront. With the release of the movie Top Gun, Miramar gained fame with the general public. Other films followed such as Independence Day, starring Will Smith, featuring



Miramar's own VMFA-314, The Black Knights, as Smith's squadron.

As Miramar moves into the new millennium, it remains what it has always been at heart. Much more than the filming site for countless movies and television shows, Miramar is the world's largest premier Master Jet Air Station! Cutting edge technology, history, honor, and muscle make it simply unparalleled.

Your night at MCAS Miramar begins as you approach the base. As the Main Gates loom ahead, the anticipation builds. First stop: security check point. Watch as Marine Corps military police



perform their duties to ensure the integrity of the base, and the safety of all guests. Even this initial step is something that most people have only witnessed in the movies.

Congratulations! You have been cleared. It is time to meet your "hosts" for the evening. Marine Corps Officers board your motor coaches and thrill you with their stories of "soaring the skies" as they guide you to an actual working hangar.

Once at the Hangar, you will get a close up view of the Marine Corps' most technologically advanced equipment. Look into the cockpit of an F/A-18 Hornet, stand in amazement under the gigantic blades of a CH-53 Super Stallion, or listen as a KC-130 Hercules pilot shows you

around his aircraft and calmly explains how this tactical tanker/transport aircraft refuels fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.....in flight!!!

After the "brief" at the flight line, it will be time for some "R&R" at the MCAS Miramar Officers' Club. Through the doors of this legendary club, walk the very finest military aviators in the world. She stands, as in days of old, welcoming you to relax and get away from it all. This is truly the hub of social activity on base, and you are invited to join in the fun.



Enjoy refreshments in our fighter bar while watching training missions and Desert Storm sorties on the video monitors. These videos put you in the cockpit as you approach an aircraft carrier at sea, or fly above the burning oil fields of Kuwait. This footage is not available to the general public, and can't be found anywhere else.



Stroll around the Club; vintage photos adorn the walls, along with military artifacts and deployment plaques. Don't forget to check out the photo gallery of our Commanding Officers. You'll want to know who's who while on the base.

You will find many things that seem "familiar" in the Club. That's probably because they were featured so prominently in the movie Top Gun and the TV Show Pensacola Wings of Gold. From the volleyball court, to the WOXOF bar, you will see the authentic sites that the have been

documented in numerous Hollywood productions.

For your dining experience, you'll be treated to the creations of our award-winning chef. He has had the privilege of preparing fine cuisine for diplomats, statesmen, and some of the most discriminating palates in the world. During your dinner, our professional staff will attend to your every need.