



**Meeting Summary**  
Governor's Military Council Small Team Visit  
Naval Base Ventura County  
March 11, 2020

Council Delegation:

- Vice-Chair and Acting Chair of the Delegation, Vice Admiral Jody Breckenridge, United States Coast Guard (Retired)
- Chairman Joseph Czyzyk, CEO, Mercury Air Group
- Honorable Philip Coyle, Executive Schedule, Department of Defense (Retired)
- Mr. Charles Giacchi, Senior Executive Service, United States Navy (Retired)
- Lieutenant General Edward Hanlon, Jr., United States Marine Corps (Retired)
- Secretary Vito Imbasciani, M.D., California Department of Veterans Affairs
- Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, Assembly District 44
- Major General Eldon Regua, United States Army (Retired)
- Chief Deputy Director Scott Morgan, representing Office of Planning and Research  
Director Kate Gordon
- Major General Eldon Regua, United States Army (Retired)
- Lieutenant General Eugene Tattini, United States Air Force (Retired)

**0830 Discussion with Key Leadership**

Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) Commanding Officer, Captain Jeff Chism, along with Jon Gathman, Installation Program Integrator, and Melinda Lane, Public Affairs Office, greeted the Governor's Military Council (Council) group and provided a detailed briefing on the history, current mission, and challenges to the operations at NBVC.

Topics discussed were as follows:

NBVC History: In 2007, Naval Base Ventura County brought together the disparate military entities in the region:

- Port Hueneme
- Point Mugu
- San Miguel Island (now maintained by State Parks)
- Fort Hunter Liggett (SeaBee working area)
- San Nicolas Island

NBVC Statistics:

- Largest employer in Ventura County (2015 data)
  - 20K employed

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- \$2B annual impact
- More than 16,000 facilities in total
  - 4 Fire Dept, Police on base, 3 Galleys and a Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) outpost
- 3x Daily Shuttle transports people between San Nicolas Island, China Lake and NAS Point Mugu

#### Tenant Commands

- Naval Air Warfare Command Weapons Division / Major tenant at NBVC
  - Manages testing for Navy weapons
    - Leadership and land range located at China Lake
    - Sea Range located at Point Mugu (NBVC)
- 481<sup>st</sup> Transportation Company (Army) which docks its Landing Craft Utility (LCU) 2000 at Port Hueneme
  - 481<sup>st</sup> TC conducts disaster control and recovery during times of emergency or disaster
  - LCU 2000 has a range of 10,000 miles and can hold 90,000 gallons of fuel
  - Exceptional maneuverability due to fore and aft propulsion
- Air Force sends students to SeaBee school
- Marine Corps Forces Reserves and 2<sup>d</sup> BN, 23<sup>d</sup> Marines Weapons Company
- Coast Guard Point Mugu Station
  - USCG \$50M building (moving SF station down) for main base to replace LAX station

#### Emergency Resilience

- California Edison has diesel power generators and wind turbines on San Nicolas Island
- **There is no resilience on NBVC**
  - Goal is to microgrid and island the installation

#### Becoming the Unmanned Aviation Vehicle Center of Excellence

- One MQ-4 (Triton) squadron on base already has a renovated hangar
- Unmanned helicopters on base: Fire Scout vertical take-off and landing tactical unmanned air vehicle (VTUAV)
- Obtaining MQ-25 (Stingray) Navy's first unmanned tanker
- Integrating manned/unmanned aircraft by sharing airfield, etc.

#### Port Hueneme Deepening Project

- Deepening by dredging and disposing of 390,000 cubic yards of sediment to Hueneme Beach; bringing depth from 35 feet to 40 feet
- US Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District design to improve efficient accommodation of larger, deep-draft vessels and increased cargo efficiency of product delivery (reducing overall transit costs).
- Largely funded by a \$12.3 million TIGER Grant (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) from the U.S. Department of Transportation
- Expected to create over 563 new jobs, \$28 million in business revenue, \$5.8 million in local purchases, and \$4.6 million in state and local taxes

**What's Next:**

- USCG expansion
- MQ-4, Fire Scout, T(XL) Undersea unmanned vessel, MQ-25 Stingray, Predator B (General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper)
- Gulfstream
- Direct Energy (laser) technology
- Maritime test bed in FY21
- National Science Foundation
- Personnel growth with new missions: 60% growth, but with no infrastructure projects to support the growth.
  - Baseline: 1550 personnel on base
  - FY20: 1800 personnel
  - FY28: 2650 personnel
- Future projects to consider:
  - Base security and updating entry control point requirements
  - Islanding the base and utility security
  - Expand childcare options
  - Expand housing availability
  - Create erosion walls to stem concerns at Point Mugu

**What Issues?**

- Encroachment: CAPT Chism also addressed issues of encroachment with commercial shipping lanes that are not an issue now but may begin to impact the base's operations as growth of offshore wind has the potential to shift shipping lanes into the testing range area.
- Housing: Camarillo housing community only has 1400 housing stock to support 4200 active duty personnel
- Childcare: Affordable childcare with appropriate hours is hard to find. There is a waiting list of 425 people for the Child Development Center.
  - No DoD schools on base
- Aging infrastructure and facilities
- Preparation for natural disasters needs emphasis (wildfires and flooding)

**GMC Action Items from NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY Visit:**

1. Investigate opportunities to increase childcare options that are flexible and expanded to infant care needs
2. Follow up on request for Navy to send 1390 /91 forms to find funds for engineering and design A 1390/91 (engineering planning document required for all military Infrastructure (MilCon) projects
3. Continue to track issues with Intergovernmental Service Agreements with Ventura County and obtain formal Attorney General opinion on whether they have the authority to contract with the federal government

**1200 Council Delegation concluded meeting with NBVC leadership**