Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) is a premier naval installation composed of three main operating areas - Point Mugu, Port Hueneme, and San Nicolas Island. Strategically located 55-miles west of Los Angeles in coastal Southern California, NBVC is a key element in the Department of Defense infrastructure because of its superior geographical location that allows direct access to restricted air and sea-space within the 36,000 square miles of the Point Mugu Sea Range.

NBVC supports approximately 80 tenant commands and supports over 20,000 total jobs, including direct, indirect, and induced jobs, including those employees who live outside of Ventura County. Tenant commands encompass a diverse set of specialties that support both Fleet and Fighter, including three warfare centers: Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center Port Hueneme Division, and Naval Facilities Engineering Command Expeditionary Warfare Center. NBVC is also home to deployable units, including the Pacific Seabees and the West Coast E-2 Hawkeyes.

History
During World War II, the Navy established Port Hueneme and Point Mugu as temporary training and staging areas for the newly created Seabees. The Navy established Port Hueneme in 1942, later naming it the Naval Construction Battalion Center in 1945.

As the need for a sea test range became evident, the Navy approved the Missile Test Center at Point Mugu in 1946 and established the Naval Air Station in 1949 to provide associated material and service support. In 2000, NBVC was created by consolidating Point Mugu and Port Hueneme into one installation. San Nicolas Island, a major test and evaluation site, transferred to NBVC in 2004.

Our Mission Today
The mission of NBVC is to provide integrated shore services to support the diverse needs of the Fleet, Fighter, and Family in Ventura County.
ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

NBVC is a major contributor to the Region of Influence, (Ventura County), providing economic stimulus in the form of good-paying jobs, demand for housing and consumer products, expenditures for supplies and operational support services, and related economic activities that ripple through a wide range of economic sectors.

NBVC’s total economic contribution* to the regional economy in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 included:

$2 BILLION Total amount of economic activity that NBVC generated within the Region of Influence (Ventura County)

$1.4 BILLION Total industry output from payroll, operations, and visitor spending

$710 MILLION Total direct annual payroll of personnel working at NBVC

18,776 Number of jobs including 4,231 military, 4,701 civilian, and 3,172 contractor personnel residing in Ventura County**, and an estimated 6,672 jobs stimulated by Navy operations, personal spending, and other spending

$77 MILLION Annual amount in state/local taxes*** including $33 million from payroll, $41 million from operations, and $3 million from visitor spending


* All numbers are rounded to the nearest whole number.

**An additional 1,894 government employees with $64 million in income live outside of the Region of Influence.

***Provided for information purposes, not included in the Total Economic Impact.

Distribution of Total NBVC Local Expenditures by Industry
NBVC’s areas of operation include NBVC Port Hueneme, NBVC Point Mugu, San Nicolas Island, and eight special areas. NBVC has also identified a Military Influence Area within which military operations may occur, defined by flight patterns, noise zones, range hazard zones, mobilization corridors, and security buffers.
The Navy’s ability to sustain training, testing, and operational missions in Ventura County depends on the continued support and cooperation of partners and neighbors in surrounding communities. Incompatible development of various types can threaten NBVC’s ability to maintain its unique character and viability as a premier training and testing site.

Significant concerns that could potentially limit or alter operations include, for example:

- Development and parking adjacent to the base fence line that may present an anti-terrorism/force protection concern.
- Potential for incompatible development around Point Mugu in Open Space and Agricultural Zones via Conditional Use Permits.
- Potential for off-shore wind energy development in and around the Point Mugu Sea Range that may affect training and testing operations. Potential impacts include frequency spectrum interference or impedance, vertical obstructions, and displacement of commercial shipping traffic into the Sea Range, among others.

Compatible development is critical to prevent impacts to military operations, safeguard the military mission of NBVC, and protect the overall health, safety, and welfare of the public. By proactively working together, the Navy and community partners have the opportunity to ensure compatibility for future growth and development.
WORKING TOGETHER FOR A COMPATIBLE FUTURE

The spirit of volunteerism is strong and vital to NBVC’s link to the community. Military personnel and their family members stationed at NBVC are fully integrated into the local communities. Personnel from the base participate in almost every aspect of local civic activities. For example, personnel at NBVC volunteer in the community for the Boy and Girl Scouts, youth groups, churches, libraries, schools, chambers of commerce, leadership organizations, youth sport organizations, and many other services.

Other community involvement and partnership activities involving NBVC personnel include:

- Wounded Warrior/Safe Harbor Team Training Camps
- Armed Forces Triathlon
- Point Mugu Surf Contest
- NBVC Air Show
- Seabee Mud Run

In addition to the above partnership activities, an NBVC tenant organization (Weapons Company, 2d Battalion, 23d Marine Regiment) runs the Santa Barbara and Ventura County Toys for Tots program each fall, collecting more than 45,000 toys for local youth and raising more than $15,000.

NBVC has been nationally honored for its resource conservation, which addressed threatened and endangered species, wetlands restoration, energy and water management, and environmental restoration. In addition, Point Mugu encompasses the largest remaining coastal salt marsh estuary in Southern California, providing habitat for thousands of migrating and wintering birds.

NBVC has strong ties to the local communities and strives to be a good neighbor through coordination with local governments and organizations as an active stakeholder. NBVC is committed to working with local government and citizens to plan wisely for responsible growth and resource protection. We have continued to plan for change by:

- Partnering with Ventura County Transportation Commission to develop a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) to identify compatible land use issues of mutual concern and an action plan to address the issues.
- Completing an update to the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) study in 2015 that evaluated noise, accident potential, and height limitations, and provided guidelines to protect public health, safety, and welfare.
- Partnering with local government and private conservation organizations on the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program to buffer key operating areas from incompatible development and protect habitat related to the installation and ranges.
- Coordinating with local governments to provide feedback on development proposals within the Military Influence Area to reduce impacts to local communities and NBVC.

Local government and private citizens can help by:

- Implementing the NBVC JLUS strategies.
- Incorporating AICUZ guidelines into General Plan updates, local zoning ordinances, and other planning decisions.
- Continuing to coordinate with NBVC and to consider impacts of local land use decisions on military training, testing, and operational missions.

Working together, we can continue our long history of cooperative interaction to maintain the Navy mission, encourage compatible land use, and support economic vitality in Ventura County.
NBVC works hard to sustain strong partnerships with our community. Through cooperative efforts with our neighbors, NBVC intends to lead the Navy's efforts in sustainable energy use, compatibility, and environmental stewardship. NBVC enjoys great community support and we strive to keep it that way through efforts such as the Joint Land Use Study and REPI Program.

- Commanding Officer, NBVC

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