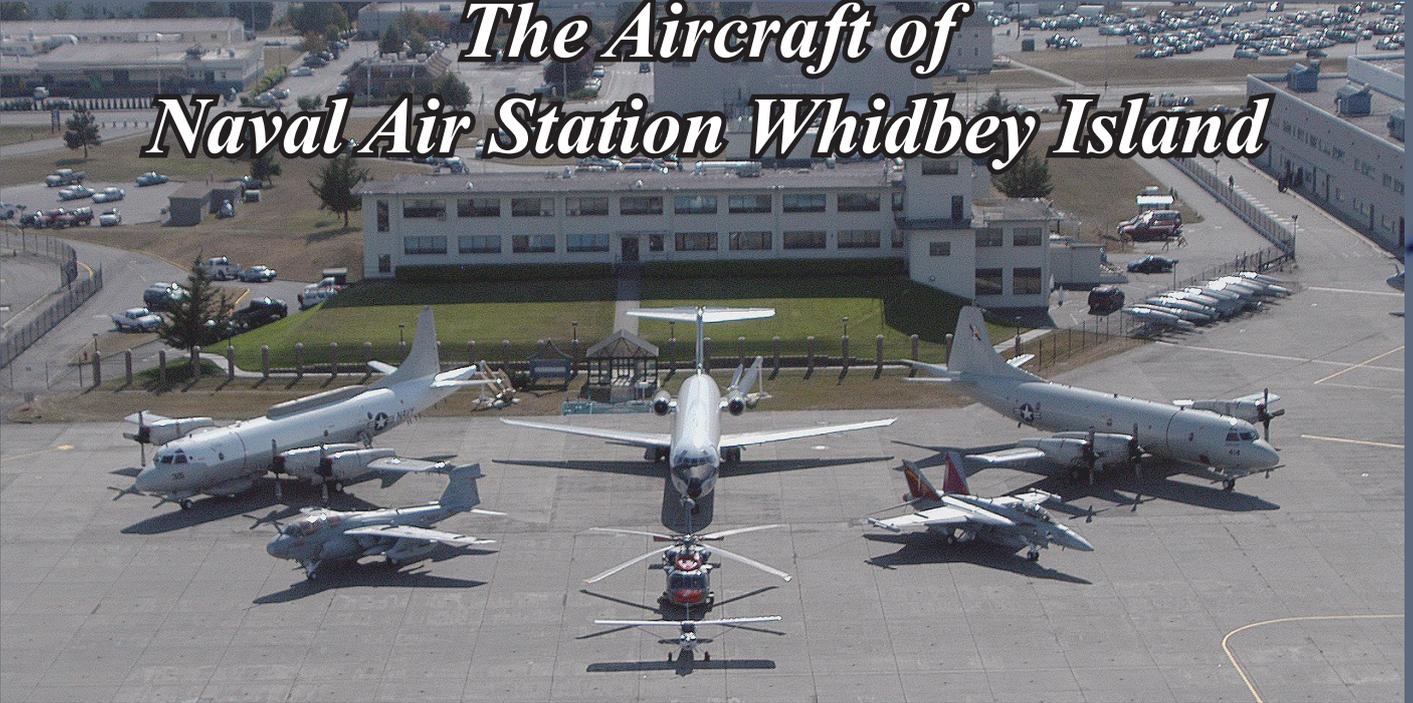


The Aircraft of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island



P-3C Orion

The P-3C Orion is a land-based, long-range, anti-submarine warfare (ASW) patrol aircraft. The P-3C's mission has to include surveillance of the battlespace, either at sea or over land. Its long-range and long loiter time have proved invaluable assets throughout the overseas contingency operation.



EP-3E Aries II

The EP-3E deploys to intercept, collect, exploit, fuse, identify and disseminate signals-intelligence (SIGINT) electronic emissions and imagery intelligence (IMINT) in support of joint, theater, and fleet commanders.



P-8 Poseidon

The P-8A Poseidon is being designed to replace the P-3C Orion as a long-range anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-surface warfare (ASuW), intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) aircraft capable of broad-area, maritime and littoral operations.





EA-18G Growler

The EA-18G Growler is Navy's newest airborne electronic attack aircraft. The Growler is a twin-engine, long-range, all-weather aircraft that is a variant of the F/A-18F Super Hornet. Its primary mission is the suppression of enemy air defenses in support of strike aircraft and ground troops by interrupting enemy electronic activity and obtaining tactical electronic intelligence.

EA-6B Prowler

The EA-6B Prowler is twin-engine, long-range, all-weather aircraft based on the A-6 Intruder platform. In service since 1971, the Prowler has advanced electronic countermeasures capability. Its primary mission is the suppression of enemy air defenses in support of strike aircraft and ground troops by interrupting enemy electronic activity and obtaining tactical electronic intelligence.



MH-60S Knighthawk

NAS Whidbey Island's MH-60S Knighthawk mission is Search and Rescue. It also provides medical evacuation services in support of Washington state search and rescue activities. The MH-60S will replace the fleet's legacy SH-60B and SH-60F aircraft.

C-9 Skytrain

The C-9B Skytrain is a military version of the McDonnell Douglas DC-9-32 airliner. Modified with upper cargo doors, the C-9 provides unique logistics capabilities for the Navy, particularly airlift of Navy Reserve personnel to and from training sites and the movement of naval personnel to support ship deployments. The C-9 can haul cargo, passengers or a combination of the two.

