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Welcome

Welcome to the Naval Air Station Patuxent River located in beautiful Southern Maryland. Located at the mouth of the Patuxent River, Naval Air Station Patuxent River occupies approximately 14,500 acres, including its Webster Field Annex, Solomons Recreation Center and the Bloodsworth Island Range.

An integral part of historic St. Mary's County, NAS Patuxent River is where the future of Naval Aviation begins. As the host of more than 50 tenant activities, including the Naval Air Systems Command and the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, NAS Patuxent River is home to the full spectrum of Research, Development, Acquisition, Test & Evaluation (RDAT&E) for all of Naval Aviation. It is one of the most beautiful and vital shore installations in existence today.

Pax River provides effective and affordable integrated warfare systems and life cycle support by performing RDAT&E, engineering and fleet support for manned and unmanned aircraft, engines, avionics, aircraft support systems and ship/shore/air operations. This capability, coupled with highly trained integrated test teams and associated state-of-the-art laboratories, provides the expertise and facilities required to provide the war fighter with technologies that deliver dominant combat effects and world class capabilities.

As the host, NAS Patuxent River ensures the integration and coordination of common operating support service delivery to mission customers; to serve as the mission customer's principal advocate; and to integrate specific Commander, Naval Installations (CNIC) strategy/requirements into overall Naval District Washington regional strategy/requirements.

NAS Patuxent River recognizes the new challenges placed on today's Navy families, and we will ensure you are provided the support you need. This guide is designed to help you as a newcomer become familiar with NAS Patuxent River and the surrounding area, making it easier for you and your family to settle into your new home and job. I urge you to take advantage of all the top-notch programs listed in this guide, and take the time to discover all of the educational, historical and recreational opportunities the surrounding community has to offer.

Skipper Macyko

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Captain, USN
Commanding Officer



Naval Air Station Patuxent River



Approximately 90 miles from the fleet at Norfolk, Va., Naval Air Station Patuxent River overlooks the picturesque Chesapeake Bay. The station, affectionately known as “Pax River,” was commissioned in April 1943 and has since evolved into the center of excellence for naval aviation. With the consolidation, integration and collocation that has occurred throughout the last decade, Pax River now hosts the Naval Air Systems Command and Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, which provide the full spectrum of acquisition management, research and development capabilities, air and ground test and evaluation, aircraft logistics and maintenance management. This distinctive synergy supports land-based and maritime aircraft and engineering, T&E, integration, and life cycle support for ship/shore electronics. These combined capabilities are unique within the Department of Defense and ensure Patuxent River’s status as an aviation leader working effectively to continue progress into the 21st century.

The naval air station complex includes Webster Field Annex and provides office space for the NAVAIR, NAWCAD and more than 50 tenant activities. Pax River’s mission is to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and materials to support operations of NAWCAD, and other activities and units as designated by appropriate authority.

With the Base Realignment and Closure consolidations of 1991, 1993 and 1995 completed in 1998, approximately 22,000 people now work in support of the complex. Thus, the Navy is the largest employer in the community. Approximately 68 percent of these employees live in St. Mary’s County, another 19 percent reside in Calvert and Charles counties. The remainder call other counties in Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania home.

To accommodate the tremendous increase in employees and workloads due to the BRAC consolidations, more than one and a half million square feet of new construction and renovations were approved.

The BRAC implementation could not have been successful without outstanding community support. This continued teaming effort by the Navy, state and southern Maryland communities is key to the future success of the complex.

As the complex grows to fulfill its mission as a center of excellence for research, development, test and evaluation of military aircraft, so does the Navy’s commitment to the community it serves. Working together to solve issues, providing mutual support and appreciating each others’ efforts improves the quality of life for the community and Pax River employees and their families. To that end, the commanding officer openly encourages

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Aerial of Webster Field Annex

employee volunteerism and support for the community. Pax River employees provide thousands of hours in volunteer work for the community in a variety of categories. These include tutoring, emergency response organizations and various youth organizations. Additionally, Pax River complex employees provide speeches and briefings to a variety of groups and organizations, local media and government officials on a continuing basis.

Webster Field Annex

Located 12 miles southwest of the Patuxent River complex, Webster Field Annex is home to the Ship and Shore Based Electronics Systems Competency (S&SBES). The S&SBES has four dynamic divisions that provide unique and much needed fleet support for many DoD critical systems. These divisions are:

The Air Traffic Control Systems Division supports Navy and Marine Corps shipboard and shore based ATC landing systems. The division designs, integrates, tests and evaluates ATC systems for new and existing requirements and provides support for the systems in the fleet. This group of ATC experts is the only group in the nation that supports these shipboard systems installed on all carriers in the fleet.

The Identification Systems Division provides technology design and development, systems integration,

training, software support and acquisition services for identification and ATC systems used by Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and foreign military sales combat ships.

The Integrated Communications and Information Systems Division provides design, development, integration, installation, testing, certification, training and in-service engineering for communication and information systems for ships, aircraft and land-based facilities. The division also prototypes, develops and performs in-service engineering for data link systems and designs, integrates and maintains information and knowledge management systems, local and wide area networks, and joint operations and crisis response centers in classified and open environments.

The Special Communications Requirements Division designs, develops, tests and supports joint special warfare communications electronics. The division develops quick reaction and testing of communications packages for hand-held and manpack radios, high speed and rigid inflatable boats, mobile and fixed-base operations, special communications vans and other vehicles, and air-land transportable command posts. The division also provides production of special operations communications packages for other agencies, including the U.S. Customs Service, White House Communications Agency and State Department.

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The Naval Air Systems Command provides cost-wise readiness and dominant maritime combat power in support of all activities that make up the Naval Aviation Enterprise. NAVAIR employs about 40,000 people working at eight principal continental United States sites and two principal sites overseas, each providing an indispensable piece of the NAE equation.

NAVAIR integrates the unique engineering, development, testing and management capabilities at each of the sites to deliver airborne weapons systems that are technologically superior and readily available. NAVAIR's full-spectrum and enterprise-wide approach positions the command to deliver its part of naval aviation solutions at optimal costs and provide support for vital programs.

Patuxent River is home to the Naval Air Systems Command headquarters and the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. NAVAIR's Aircraft Division at Patuxent River (including Webster Field Annex) is the

Navy's principal research, development, test, evaluation, and engineering and fleet support activity for manned and unmanned aircraft, engines, avionics, aircraft support systems and ship/shore/air operations.

With more than 150,000 air operations annually, pilots at Patuxent River fly 140 aircraft (40+ type/model/series) over 2,700 square miles of restricted airspace from surface up to 85,000 feet in the Chesapeake Test Range operating areas, which consist of selected targets and airspace covering regions over the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Additional air and sea space is available in the Atlantic Warning Areas, located east of the Delmarva Peninsula over the Atlantic Ocean. Scheduling these offshore warning areas, where support is typically provided, expands that area to over 30,000 square miles.

The RDT&E capability ranges from concepts analysis and procurement to flight testing and support equipment. Patuxent River has approximately a 22,000-member work force, 13,300 acres, five runways and 935 buildings with an estimated \$2.8 billion value.

Test & Evaluation

NAVAIR test and evaluation develops and fields quality aviation vehicles, weapons systems and related products for the operating forces. NAVAIR supplies the people, processes, facilities and resources necessary to satisfy the test and training requirements of Navy program managers, fleet operators and other customers. The test and evaluation group at Patuxent River provides the expertise and facilities required to support all phases of testing for research, development, evaluation, experimentation, and in-service support of air combat systems, sub systems and related support systems. Training services are provided to the fleet through the development of training range systems and the use of test facilities and support staff for unit-level training exercises through large-scale joint scenarios.

AIR-5.1. The Integrated Systems Evaluation, Experimentation and Test (ISEET) Department provides the people, processes, facilities and aircraft for experimentation, and test and evaluation of battlespace concepts, systems of systems and platform systems. The Department is composed of test and evaluation engineers, project officers and test pilots who are responsible for identifying program-critical test elements, designing experiments to evaluate battlespace concepts, translating engineering test requirements into test plans for flight tests, and analyzing flight test data to evaluate system effectiveness. The department is responsible for flight test safety, aircraft maintenance services and flight operations. In addition, ISEET provides test and evaluation acquisition planning for PEOs / PMAs / IPTs, provides resources and staffing to operate the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, and manages the NAVAIR Technical Assurance Board (NTAB), which monitors designated programs for technical issues arising from aviation test and evaluation.

AIR-5.2. The NAVAIR Range Department operates major test ranges and facilities on the East and West Coasts of the United States. NAVAIR assets include the Sea Range at Point Mugu, Calif.; the Land Ranges and Electronic Combat Range (ECR) at China Lake, Calif.; and the Atlantic Test Ranges (ATR) at Patuxent River, Md.

In addition to the physical test areas, NAVAIR provides associated test article preparation and instrumentation, test facilities and associated threat environments, radar-cross-section measurements, specialized tracks, and interconnectivity with other major ranges and simulation and stimulation facilities in NAVAIR's Integrated Battlespace Simulation and Test Department. NAVAIR's premiere open-air range complexes provide test and evaluation and training support for fleet, program, commercial and foreign customers.

ATR provides fully instrumented and integrated test and training ranges for full-service support of cradle-to-grave testing and training. This support includes research, development, test and evaluation, and training of aircraft/aircrew and integrated avionics and mission systems. Real-time radio link reception, translation, processing and display of test data are available using the Real-Time Telemetry Processing System.

Airspace and surface target areas are used for test and evaluation of aircraft and for war fighter training missions. In addition to radar and optical tracking systems, fixed and mobile assets provide the necessary capabilities for diverse testing and training scenarios.

ATR provides real-time radio-link reception, translation, processing and display of test data using the Real-time Telemetry Processing System. This widely-used system provides real-time test information from up to nine separate in-flight aircraft to test engineers on the ground. Test teams operate the system from any of the nine project engineer stations.

SH-60s over the Patuxent River



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The inshore operating area, known as the Chesapeake Test Range, consists of selected targets and airspace covering regions over the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Additional air/sea space is available in the Atlantic Warning areas, located east of the Delmarva Peninsula over the Atlantic Ocean. ATR controls an aerial firing range and two exclusive-use surface target areas in the Chesapeake Test Range restricted areas. The 1,000-acre Webster Field Annex is located about 12 miles southwest of Patuxent River. Webster Field is used as an auxiliary field for daylight testing and is the primary test area for Unmanned Aerial Systems. ATR provides real-time connectivity to NASA Wallops Flight Facility; Fleet Area Control & Surveillance Facility, Virginia Capes (FACSFAC VACAPES); NAVAIR simulation and stimulation laboratories; and other NAVAIR and DoD major test ranges. ATR is the Navy's principal research, development, test & evaluation (RDT&E), fleet support activity for naval aircraft, engines, avionics, aircraft support systems and ship/shore air operations. The open-air range and ground test facilities developed for RDT&E also have tremendous application for fleet and war fighter pre-deployment systems grooming and readiness exercises. ATR coordinates multiple training events in airspace at ATR or at sites around the country. Carrier Strike Groups (CSGs) and Expeditionary Strike Groups (ESGs) are routinely supported: from small, unit-level events to large-scale, joint exercises.

The Air Vehicle Modification and Instrumentation (AVMI) group provides source data and air vehicle modifications necessary to support the NAVAIR test and evaluation community. AVMI also provides resources for rapid, innovative solutions to unique prototyping needs of the Navy fleet. AVMI consists of three divisions located nationally.

The 5.2.8 Mechanical Solutions Division is located at Patuxent River. The division designs, builds and installs prototype aircraft and field system installations. It provides customers with a fully integrated engineering design, machining, sheet metal/composite fabrication, prototype modeling and installation capability.

The NAVAIR 5.2.9 Aircraft Instrumentation Division is co-located at Patuxent River and China Lake. The division designs, develops, builds, installs, calibrates and provides operational support of flight test aircraft instrumentation and telemetry systems. The division also provides airborne video data support at Patuxent River and airborne mission system T&E software loads at China Lake.

The NAVAIR 5.2.J Airborne Instrumentation Systems Division is co-located at China Lake and Pt. Mugu, Calif. The division designs, develops, builds, installs, calibrates and provides operational support of miniaturized airborne weapons instrumentation and telemetry systems.

AMVI engineers proactively participate with other DoD activities, academia and industry on national initiatives dedicated to the advancement of technologies associated with physical measurement, data acquisition, data communications, networking, telemetry and data processing.

AIR-5.3 The Threat/Target Systems Department provides the resources required to provide threat-representative targets, simulations and presentations for test and training in laboratories, at sea, on land and in the air.

The Atlantic Targets and Marine Operations (ATMO) Division provides range clearance support to ATR. ATMO employees are also equipped with the skills and resources necessary to develop, construct and modify target systems for realistic threat simulation. Targets include aerial targets, land point targets, scored targets, seaborne targets and scuttled or afloat target ships.

Aerial targets include subscale subsonic targets, full-scale missile targets and full-scale aircraft targets - all capable of remote operation. Available aerial targets include the BQM-74E and BQM-34S (subscale subsonic recoverables); AQM-37 (a subscale supersonic missile); and GQM-163A Coyote and MA-31 (full-scale supersonic missiles).

Seaborne targets include littoral and open-ocean targets such as the High-Speed Maneuverable Surface Target (HSMST), which at 40-plus knots can operate independent of ranges with a portable command-and-control unit, and the QST-35 Seaborne Powered Target (SEPTAR) which is used as a target and a range clearance boat and is capable of remote operations. Other seaborne targets include the Improved Surface Tow Target; Trimaran and Williams Sled; Floating At-Sea Target (FAST); and the High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM).

ATMO can also fabricate a variety of fixed, mobile and anti-radiation land targets, which are constructed to meet specific program requirements. A low-cost, vacuum thermal-forming process is used to make a variety of plastic armored vehicle targets. These simulated targets support a wide range of RDT&E and training requirements.

Many different types of full-scale, three-dimensional targets, adversarial and friendly, are currently produced: BRDM II Amphibious Scout Vehicle, SA-9 Gaskin, AT-5

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Spandrel, T-72 Main Battle Tank, ZSU-23-4 Shilka, SA-6 Straight Flush, SA-6 Gainful, SA-20 Tombstone, 2S6 Tunguska, BTR-70, M2A2 Bradley, Stryker and HUMVEE. Several two-and-a-half dimensional targets are also available. They are designed to be indistinguishable from a 3-D unit at a distance of 1,000 meters and at angles deviating up to 10 degrees from a direct line-of-site with the target.

These aerial, seaborne and land targets, combined with updated range clearance capabilities, enable ATMO to fulfill the constantly changing testing and training requirements of the fleet and RDT&E communities.

AIR-5.4. The Integrated Battlespace Simulation and Test (IBST) Department is the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Center of Excellence and point-of-entry for modeling and simulation of the battlespace environment. The Department provides distributed event planning and execution and is the NAVAIR lead for the development and creation of synthetic and virtual battlespace environments in support of research, development, testing, and experimentation. For large-scale simulations used across an acquisition lifecycle, the Department is also the lead for model management, scenario development, interface support, distributed simulation expertise, and Verification, Validation, and Accreditation (VV&A).

The Department operates, maintains and manages the only Navy Installed System Test Facility (ISTF) to support test and evaluation events for a variety of aircraft avionics and weapons systems. These facilities provide both physical and simulated environments and are designed to place test articles in a realistic, yet simulated combat environment. From launch to recovery, every phase and aspect of a mission is simulated to enable engineers to capture data necessary to assess the performance, mission effectiveness, and interoperability of avionics and weapons systems under test. IBST facilities are capable of producing real-world threat signals, enabling engineers to evaluate avionics and sensor system performance, while also studying the Electromagnetic Environmental Effects (E3) these same signals have on avionics and other co-located systems. Aircraft simulators, utilizing extensive hardware-in-the-loop, are integrated into simulated combat environments to perform avionics and weapons system software test, human factor evaluations, and aircrew proficiency training. A multitude of communication simulations provide assessments of aircraft and aircrew communications and interoperability capabilities. The IBST



A VX-20 E-2C Hawkeye

Department also manages NAVAIR's Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Network Domain and, as part of the NAVAIR's Chief Information Office process, oversees the RDT&E Governance Board.

Additional capabilities proved ground RADAR cross-section measurements, missile fuse characterization and measurements and overall assessments of the entire kill-chain, from target identification, through target engagement, including damage assessment and indication.

Naval Test Wing Atlantic

Naval Test Wing Atlantic (NTWL), embedded in Naval Air Systems Command (AIR 5.1), Integrated Systems Evaluation Experimentation and Test (ISEET) Department, provides aircrew and aircraft assets, maintenance, operational and safety oversight and facility support to conduct research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) of manned and unmanned fixed and rotary wing aircraft; and train test pilots, test naval flight officers and flight test engineers to support the Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE). The active-duty military employees assigned to the wing see themselves as advocates for the fleet with a continual focus on their war fighting requirements. Naval Test Wing Atlantic is composed of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Zero, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two One, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Three and the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School. It also includes the Fleet Readiness Center, formally the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department.

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Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Zero

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Zero was commissioned to safely provide assets and services in support of program teams, the fleet and other customers associated with research, development, test and evaluation of P-3 Orion, E-2 Hawkeye, C-2 Greyhound, C-130 Hercules, T-34 Mentor, T-6 Texan and E-6B Mercury aircraft and mission systems. The squadron is responsible for active flight test and evaluation in all phases of weapon system life cycle, including aircraft carrier suitability testing, navigation and aerial refueling, strategic airborne communications, airborne surveillance and intelligence collection, airborne early warning systems, carrier onboard delivery and advanced trainer missions. Additionally, VX-20 operates and maintains two NP-3 aircraft that provide customers a safe and efficient method to conduct a variety of airborne scientific research projects.

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two One (HX-21 Blackjack)

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two One performs developmental testing and evaluation of rotary wing/tilt-rotor aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles, as well as sensors and weapons systems for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The squadron is comprised of military, civil service and contractor employees operating and maintaining a fleet of H-1, H-3, H-53, H-57, H-60, H-71 and V-22 series aircraft and UAV's. HX-21 is actively engaged in the development of the next generation of rotary wing/tilt-rotor and UAV aircraft systems supporting USW, SUW, CSAR, NSW, AMCM, Logistics, Maritime Supremacy and Vertical Assault. The major flight test program platforms underway include the AH-1Z Cobra, UH-1Y Huey, MV-22B Osprey, CH-46E Sea Knight, CH-53E Super Stallion, MH-60R and MH-60S Seahawk, VH-71A and the Fire Scout UAV.

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Three

Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Two Three is NAVAIR's largest flight test organization. The squadron's primary mission is to support the research, development, test and evaluation of fixed-wing tactical

aircraft by providing pilot assets, maintenance services, safety oversight and facility support for these efforts. Primary areas of support include flying qualities and performance evaluations, shipboard suitability, propulsion system testing, tactical aircraft mission systems testing, ordnance compatibility and ballistics efforts, reliability and maintainability assessments, flight fidelity simulation and flight control software development. The squadron also provides government flight representatives, test monitoring, chase aircraft support, and facilities for contractor demonstration, validation, and development work involving tactical aircraft and associated systems.

VX-23 consists of about 45 officers (Navy, Marine Corps and foreign), 120 enlisted (Navy and Marine Corps), 35 civil service and 340 contractor employees directly involved with maintenance, planning, safety oversight and support of the squadron's 30-35 F/A-18A-D Hornets, F/A-18E/F Super Hornets, EA-6B Prowlers and T-45A/C Goshawks, plus the on-going contractor demonstration efforts with EA-18G Growler and F-35B/C Lightning II aircraft. Additionally, VX-23 is supported by hundreds of flight test engineers provided by the test and evaluation engineering competency and various contractors. The squadron conducts over 2,800 flight operations annually, totaling about 4,000 flight hours, much of which involves high-risk flight test. VX-23 conducts operations from a facility that includes three large hangars and also operates and maintains a TC-7 catapult and MK-7 arresting gear facility.

U.S. Naval Test Pilot School

The U.S. Naval Test Pilot School provides fixed-wing and rotary-wing instruction to experienced pilots, flight officers and engineers in the processes and techniques of aircraft and systems test and evaluation. The school educates and trains military and civilians from all U.S. military services, other U.S. government agencies and foreign nations. The school investigates and develops new flight test techniques, publishes manuals for use by the aviation test community in standardization of flight test techniques and project reporting and conducts special projects. The squadron maintains its staff as a focal point of expertise providing the aviation test community with engineering and training consultation.

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Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One

The principal mission of Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One is to test and evaluate airborne anti-submarine warfare (ASW) and maritime anti-surface warfare (SUW) weapon systems, airborne strategic weapon systems, as well as support systems, equipment and materials in an operational environment. The squadron also develops, reviews, and disseminates new ASW/SUW tactics and procedures for fleet use, serving as the model manager for all such tactical publications. Because of the squadron's unique position as the interfacing unit between the development of new weapon and mission systems and subsequent introduction to the fleet, VX-1 is considered the squadron that "Does it First."

A variety of operational aircraft are assigned to VX-1 including the P-3C Orion, MH-60R, MH-60S and SH-60F Seahawk. Additionally, VX-1 provides test and evaluation support for such diverse programs as the EP-3 Aries II, E-6B Mercury, KC-130J Hercules, E-2C Hawkeye, Global Hawk Maritime Demonstration Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, and P-8A Multi Mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA). As anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare operations evolve to defeat emerging threats to national security, so too does the nature of projects assigned for evaluation. The squadron has numerous projects assigned, from complete airframe upgrades to weapon system evaluation of electronic, acoustic and optic methods of ship and submarine detection, classification, and attack.

VX-1, in its role as the Navy's air ASW/ASUW operational evaluator, meets regularly with our allies to

share tactical knowledge and advancement. VX-1 also shares ideas through daily contact with Canadian, British Royal Navy and Royal Air Force liaison officers assigned to the squadron. With ASW continuing as a vital multi-national mission, these contacts have been invaluable to tactical development.

In VX-1, Sailors are the highest priority. Over the years, the squadron and its evaluation crews have received numerous awards which include the Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Expeditionary Medal, three Meritorious Unit Commendations, nine CNO Safety Awards, 10 Silver Anchor Awards, 10 Golden Anchor Awards for retention, and a variety of additional citations and commendations. VX-1 has also received the Bronze Hammer Award for self-help, the first Secretary of the Navy Energy Conservation Award, and, most recently, the Armed Forces Service Medal for participation in the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in 2005.

Scientific Development Squadron One (VXS-1)

The Naval Research Laboratory Flight Support Detachment was transformed into one of the Navy's newest commands--Scientific Development Squadron One (VXS-1) Dec. 13, 2004. As VXS-1, the new command will continue its mission as the Naval Research Laboratory's aviation component as an Echelon III command, reporting to the Commanding Officer, Naval Research Laboratory.

VXS-1 is manned by 11 officers, 91 enlisted Sailors, eight government employees and four civilian contractors. The squadron is responsible for the maintenance,

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employment and security of three uniquely configured P-3 Orion turbo-prop and a C-12 aircraft. These aircraft, with their aircrews, conduct numerous single-aircraft deployments around the world in support of a wide range of scientific research and projects.

VXS-1 conducts and supports broadly based, multidisciplinary programs across the full spectrum of scientific research. The command strives for advanced technological developments toward the maritime applications of new and improved airborne collection techniques, equipment and systems. VXS-1's unique expertise focuses on the oceanic, atmospheric and space sciences in the advancement of U.S. Government and U.S. naval scientific goals.

The squadron's flight safety record spans more than 40 years and includes more than 64,000 mishap free flight hours. The command continues to improve the capabilities of its assigned aircraft platforms.

Naval Aviation Forecast Component Patuxent River

The Naval Aviation Forecast Component is a tenant command onboard NAS Patuxent River and operates as a subordinate activity of the Naval Aviation Forecast Center (NAFC) in Norfolk, Va.

The Component provides a variety of functions and services to local and surrounding activities. Certified Observers take hourly observations 24 hours per day and disseminate weather warnings for NAS Patuxent River and tenant commands. To accomplish assigned missions and functions, METOC service members operate a variety of computer and data collection/communication systems. Data from national weather networks including NOAA and NWS are used in identifying and predicting the location and movement of thunderstorm and tornadic activity across the local region. Additionally, data from the Lightning Positioning and Tracking System provides a real-time display of local

lightning strikes and allows detachment observers to report to the Northwest Sub Regional Forecast Duty Officers at NAFC, to ensure timely and highly accurate thunderstorm and severe weather warnings are issued. The Automated Surface Observation System installed at Patuxent River and Webster Field provides continuous readouts of weather conditions at each site. Other satellite and landline systems provide access to weather data on a global scale and the detachment closed circuit television product line spans five channels of information disseminated throughout the station. The Component maintains a dedicated Web site at <https://pki.weather.navy.mil/AvWeb/frames.jsp?icao=KNHK>.

Marine Aviation Detachment

The Marine Aviation Detachment is responsible to Deputy Commandant for Aviation for USMC manpower support of the Naval Air Systems Team. MAD's role is to support the Marine Corps' equity in the various naval aviation acquisition programs through the entire life cycle. MAD service members' assignments range from program managers, logistics and fleet support to test pilots, engineers and administrative support.

The commanding officer performs duties as aviation occupational field sponsor and advocate for the entire Marine aviation acquisition work force. He provides assistance to the Commandant of the Marine Corps through the Deputy Commandant for Aviation, in coordination with the Marine Corps Systems Command and the Deputy Commandant for Manpower in the career development of Marine Corps members assigned nationwide to the aviation acquisition work force.

The commanding officer also promotes NAWCAD business development and actively participates in the research and engineering competency program developments, especially in areas of Marine Corps interest.

VXS-1 P-3



Our Rich History



“A great responsibility is put into your hands, for growth and change is still the very life of any air service which hopes to survive. I look to Patuxent River to carry a large part of the burden of ensuring that quality, imagination and resourcefulness are all included in our future equipment and in its typical use. You have the chance to make a great reputation...”

*Rear Adm. John S. McCain, Commissioning Day,
April 1, 1943*

Naval Aviation's Early Years

The Navy and Marine Corps began flying aircraft in 1911 and 1912, and there has never been as many aviation functions at one facility as there are now at Patuxent River. Why is there a naval air station at Pax River and what is so much of naval aviation doing there? A look at history shows that the size and location of naval aeronautics infrastructure has always been a function of technological development and defense requirements.

For as long as the Navy and Marine Corps have flown aircraft, some organization has been charged with developing, procuring and maintaining the platforms. During the first 10 years of naval flight, from 1911 to 1921, this responsibility was split among several Navy bureaus. For example, the Bureau of Construction and Repair was responsible for airframes, the Bureau of Steam Engineering for engines, the Bureau of Navigation for

instruments and the Bureau of Ordnance for air-launched weapons. Navy offices in the Washington, D.C., area were located at the Navy Yard in Anacostia and in the Army-Navy State Building which is now the Old Executive Office Building on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Naval aviation was a small-time affair and required only small quarters. Each bureau devoted scarcely more than one desk to aviation, and for some officers aviation was collateral duty. The first director of Naval Aeronautics, Capt. W.I. Chambers, was assigned by the Secretary of the Navy to the Bureau of Navigation. After reporting for work the new director listened to the chief of the bureau explain that office space was extremely tight and suggested he do some of his work at home.

Naval aeronautics remained a small operation until April 1917 when the United States declared war on Germany. During the next 19 months the requirements of war and the vast defense expenditures swelled the Navy's aircraft inventory from 54 to 2,107. Many air stations were established, most of them capable of at least some level of maintenance. In Washington, D.C., Congress appropriated money for a temporary building to house the Navy Department offices that were rapidly expanding beyond the capacity of the crowded Army-Navy State Building. The new structure was built on the south side of Constitution Avenue west of 17th Street and was known simply as the 'Main Navy Building.' In

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Pennsylvania, on the property of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, the Navy built a facility dedicated to the design and construction of aircraft, the 'Naval Aircraft Factory.' The first aircraft built there made its first flight in March 1918.

When the war ended, defense spending declined to its pre-war levels but the temporary building on Constitution Avenue gained permanence. Naval aeronautics had demonstrated enough value in war to gain its own mantle of dignity and was so recognized by Congress in 1921 with the establishment of the Bureau of Aeronautics (BuAer). BuAer took control of all aspects of Navy and Marine Corps aviation research, development, test and evaluation, engineering, maintenance and supply. The only item remaining outside BuAer's cognizance was air-launched weaponry which stayed in the hands of the Bureau of Ordnance.

In the 1920s and 1930s, the Naval Aircraft Factory was the central element of BuAer. Bureau headquarters was in the Main Navy Building in Washington, D.C., but naval aeronautics began at the aircraft factory in Philadelphia. It conducted all elements of research and development, engineering, and what today would be called depot level maintenance. It also compiled cost accounting data to compare with industry bids. It had the capacity to actually build a third of the Navy's and Marine Corps' peacetime aircraft requirements, but in fact never exercised more than a small fraction of its construction capacity. Rear Adm. William Moffett, chief of BuAer from 1921 to 1933, believed he had a responsibility to maintain a healthy aviation industry in the United States and accordingly opposed large production runs at the factory. This decision was understandably hailed by the aviation industry.

In addition to the work done at the factory, aircraft test and evaluation was conducted at Naval Air Station Anacostia in Washington, D.C. Air-launched weapons were tested by the Bureau of Ordnance at Dahlgren, Va.

While money was scarce in the years between the wars, BuAer achieved some major technological advancements. Examples include the air-cooled engine, the monoplane, the all-metal monocoque airframe, improved catapults for carriers, oil shock absorbers, low pressure tires, metal propellers of variable pitch and the dive bomber all adapted to the unique nature of naval aviation.

The expansion of the armed forces during World War II brought major changes to naval aviation's infrastructure. The test and evaluation facilities at NAS Anacostia quickly became inadequate due to the growing complex-

ity, size and number of aircraft, in addition to the area's swelling population. A new location became essential. It was to be in the general Washington, D.C., area but large enough, and sufficiently isolated, to allow for exhaustive aircraft test and evaluation. A site at Cedar Point, Md., was identified, and on April 1, 1943, it was commissioned as Naval Air Station Patuxent River.

The Pax River Story: Station Born to Centralize Facilities

Naval Air Station Patuxent River was born to centralize widely dispersed air testing facilities established during the pre-World War II years.

Spurred by events of WWII, the consolidation effort was swift, and the farming operations at Cedar Point, Md., were replaced by flight test operations within a year after ground was broken in 1942.

During the commissioning ceremony April 1, 1943 Rear Adm. John S. McCain, then chief of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics, called Patuxent River the most needed station in the Navy during the commissioning ceremony April 1, 1943.

By mid-August 1943, flight test, radio test, aircraft armament and the aircraft experimental and development squadrons were in place at Patuxent River. By the end of 1944, the station had formed the service test, electronics test, flight test and tactical test divisions.

Test-Support Functions Divided

The Naval Air Test Center was established as a separate entity June 16, 1945, organizationally dividing the test and support functions.

During WWII, hundreds of combat experienced pilots arrived at Patuxent River to test airplanes. The evolution of the Navy test pilot began with rainy day discussions between seasoned veterans and aeronautical engineers. Formalized classroom instruction began in 1948 with the establishment of a Test Pilot Training Division.

The test pilots not only flew the proliferation of U.S. airplanes built for the war effort, but were given opportunities to examine enemy aircraft as well. Captured airplanes such as a German Focke-Wulf 190 and Doring DO 335A and Japanese Kate and Tony were test-flown, and findings on their vulnerabilities were passed on to fleet pilots. Pax River's history is studded with milestones.

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Radar fire control, radar tracking, airfield lighting and instrument landing techniques were developed and refined at Pax River. The first U.S. all jet-powered airplane, the XP-59A, was flight tested here in 1944.

The FR-1 Fireball, a carrier-based fighter which combined a conventional engine and a General Electric jet engine, and the FD-1 Phantom, the first Navy all-jet airplane to operate from a carrier, were tested at Patuxent River in 1945-1946.

The first U.S. test of the adaptability of jet aircraft to shipboard operations was conducted by the Naval Air Test Center in 1946 when Lt. Cmdr. James Davidson flew a Phantom aboard USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Test pilots were exposed to ejection seats in 1949, barrier engagements in 1951 and a simulated angled deck aboard USS Midway in 1952.

'50s-'60s See Test Programs Expand

The Korean War, from 1950 to 1953, intensified efforts at Patuxent. The air station was faced with developing jet aircraft and at the same time improving existing conventional weapons for the war effort. The challenge grew as jet aircraft routinely eclipsed the speed of sound and airplane cannons were supplemented with guided missiles.

Several airborne early warning squadrons operated from Patuxent River in the 1950s. Among them were VW-2, VW-11 and VW-15. The squadrons patrolled the Atlantic Ocean along the DEW (Distant Early Warning) line until their disestablishment in the 1960s.

NATC's increased responsibility for development as well as pure testing was acknowledged as early as 1951. Rapidly advancing technology forced changes in test techniques and in the organizational structure.

In 1953, the Tactical Test Division was merged with the Service Test Division. The U.S. Naval Test Pilot School was established in 1958. The Weapons Systems Test Division was established in 1960 through the consolidation of the Armament Test and Electronics Test divisions. This nation's great space adventure started with the selection of the original seven astronauts in 1959. Four of the seven were TPS graduates. In 1961, former Navy test pilot Alan Shepard became the first American in space. A year later, three test pilots from Patuxent River became the first Americans to orbit the earth.

Hostilities in Southeast Asia in the 1960s brought a

sense of urgency to test programs at Patuxent River, particularly those dealing with ordnance. The unorthodox nature of the action in Vietnam turned the focus at Pax River from technological advancements to further refinement of more conventional weapons.

ASW Buildup

At the same time, a buildup of fleet antisubmarine warfare squadrons was taking place at Pax. Patrol Squadrons 8, 24, 44, 49 and 56 formed Fleet Air Patuxent and later Fleet Air Wing Five. A detachment from VP-30 was formed at Pax River in 1962; when the detachment was disestablished in 1966, VP-30 was relocated to the air station from Jacksonville, Fla.

Oceanographic Development Squadron Eight, then known as the Oceanographic Air Survey Unit, was home-ported here in 1965, and Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four was established here in 1968 from a Take Charge and Move Out (TACAMO) detachment left behind by Naval Air Transport Squadron One when that unit moved to Norfolk, Va.

Three divisions of the test center, Flight Test, Service Test and Weapons Systems Test, gave up assets to enable the Technical Support Division to form in 1967. Automation of NATC's data processing brought the Computer Services Division on line in 1968.

In the 1970s the ASW squadrons began leaving Patuxent River for NAS Brunswick, Maine, and NAS Jacksonville, Fla. VP-30 was the last to go in 1975.

Helping offset the squadron departures, Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One moved here from Key West, Fla., in 1973 and the Naval Aviation Logistics Center was formed in 1977.

Principal Site Testing Born

A sweeping reorganization took place in 1975, preparing NATC for its role as the Naval Air Systems Command's principal site for development testing. Under the plan, Flight Test, Service Test and Weapons Systems Test divisions were disestablished and new directorates were formed to evaluate aircraft by type and mission.

The new NATC was comprised of Strike Aircraft, Antisubmarine Aircraft, Rotary Wing Aircraft and Systems Engineering test directorates. The Computer Services and Technical Support directorates and the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School remained intact.

Reliability and maintainability became the watchwords in the acquisition process and NATC adopted a

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reliability-by-design philosophy. Computers were having a profound effect on airplanes and their systems, and testing by simulation as well as by flight was becoming an economic necessity.

A major upgrading of test facilities began in the late 1970s with some of the largest construction appropriations in the history of the base. Reflecting changes spurred by this technological growth, the 1980s saw the Computer Services Directorate become the Computer Sciences Directorate, the Technical Support Directorate become the Range Directorate and the Antisubmarine Aircraft Test Directorate become the Force Warfare Aircraft Test Directorate.

Navy Realignment Brings NAWCAD

In 1991, the Navy began consolidating its technical capabilities to improve its products and services, resulting in the creation of four large warfare centers. One of these, the Naval Air Warfare Center, located in Washington, D.C., has integrated sites and capabilities to improve services to the fleet and sponsors. NAWC streamlined its resources into two divisions: the Aircraft Division located at Patuxent River and the Weapons Division at China Lake, Calif.

The standup of the NAWC Aircraft Division at Pax River took place Jan. 1, 1992; thus beginning its role as the Navy's full spectrum research, development, test and evaluation, engineering and fleet support center for air platforms. NAWCAD integrated the Naval Air Test Center along with the Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, Pa.; Naval Air Engineering Center,

Lakehurst, N.J.; Naval Air Propulsion Center, Trenton, N.J.; and the Naval Avionics Center, Indianapolis.

Growth Continues

Major plant improvements have been made and new state-of-the-art laboratories have been added during the last two decades. Such new additions as the Manned Flight Simulator, the Aircraft Anechoic Test Facility, the Air Combat Environment Test and Evaluation Facility, the Aircraft Test and Evaluation Facility, the Capt. Steven A. Hazelrigg Flight Test Facility, the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School academic building and an Aviation Survival Training Center pool facility and a new Air Traffic Control Tower have significantly improved aviation safety and enhanced simulation capabilities.

In recent years, construction has brought a Child Care Center, Family Services Center, new family housing, a Navy Lodge, and a multi-million dollar Commissary and Navy Exchange.

Improvements have been made to the air station's runways, hangars and bachelor quarters.

Relocated employees from NAWCAD sites at Warminster, Pa., Trenton, N.J., and the Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters in Crystal City, Va., now call Patuxent River home.

A Site Rich in History

The station location is closely associated with the early history of Maryland. The first settlers in the original Maryland colony landed at the mouth of the St. Mary's River in 1634 and established the settlement of St. Mary's City about seven miles from the station's Gate 2.

Before the Navy came, there was a small community called Pearson in the area of the former Navy Exchange gas station near taxiway Alpha and Cedar Point Road. Pearson consisted of a few residences, a post office, a store, an automobile dealer (Bell Motor Company) and Cedar Point Methodist Church.

The major farms in the area belonged to the Johnson, Young and Weschler families. These three farms included three 17th century plantations known as Eltonhead Manor (1648), Susquehanna (1649) and Mattapany-Sewall (1663).

The Johnson farm consisted of nearly 500 acres of prime farmland located along the Chesapeake Bay at Cedar Point. The Johnson farmhouse, an early 19th century dwelling that had replaced an earlier Johnson home destroyed by the British during the War of 1812, was located where the Cedar Point Officers' Club now stands.

The first flight to NAS Patuxent River in 1943



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The Young farm, an 800-acre tract, was located along the Patuxent River at Fishing Point. Prominently placed there was Susquehanna, home of Christopher Rousby, King Charles II's collector of customs.

The fate of Susquehanna was sealed by its owner, Samuel Davis Young, in 1942 after the death of his wife, a descendant of the Rousby and Carroll family of St. Mary's County. Honoring his wife's memory, Young gave the house to the Ford Foundation. Susquehanna was dismantled and moved to Dearborn, Mich., where it was restored and displayed in Greenfield Village as an example of tidewater Maryland architecture.

The Weschler farm was a 1,000-acre tract stretching from the Patuxent River to Route 235 and included almost all of the land formerly comprising the 17th century Mattapany-Sewall manor. Weschler was in the process of restoring Mattapany when the Navy came to southern Maryland. Part of Weschler's agreement to sell was that the Navy assume his restoration work and preserve Mattapany.

The Somerville House

The Somerville House (Quarters W) is a classic 18th century Maryland House. The original portion of Quarters W was built by Dr. George Clark Somerville c. 1780-1790. Somerville, born in 1757, served during the Revolutionary War under Benjamin Rush, George Washington's personal physician.

Somerville, a bachelor, was a member of the family of early settlers in southern Maryland who founded the Mulberry Fields Plantation near Leonardtown. He willed his estate to his brothers, William and John, on the condition that all his slaves would be freed and that if either brother objected, he would forfeit his inheritance. Somerville died in 1791.

The original Somerville House was part of the manor of William Eltonhead. The Navy acquired the present house and surrounding territory in 1941 from Matt Trimble.

The house itself, remarkably preserved for its age, exhibits the classic early Maryland architecture with double fireplaces on both ends, gabled upstairs windows, central staircase and Maryland roofline canted over the porch. The original 3-foot-thick spread footings are visible in the basement. The framing is mostly of oak.

St. Nicholas Chapel

St. Nicholas Chapel is unique among DoD chapels. It became a military chapel in April 1943; however, its

roots go back to a Jesuit mission in the early days of Maryland's history, more than 350 years ago. Today's structure, constructed of cement blocks in 1916, is on the site of the original St. Nicholas parish constructed in 1795 by the Jesuit Superior, Father James Walton. The St. Nicholas Chapel is listed as a Maryland State Historic Landmark.

A marble tablet embedded in the chapel wall honors Father Sebastian DeRose, a chaplain for the French Navy during the American Revolutionary War. The tablet was part of the original 1795 wooden building. DeRose was the first full-time pastor of the chapel and later was buried underneath the nave of the old church. There are almost 600 other graves surrounding the historic building of which about 200 stones were eventually laid down and covered by earth. The cemetery is slowly being restored to its pre-1943 appearance. Currently about 60 markers for known veterans from the American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, and WWI have been reset, along with stones from other St. Mary's County families.

In 1945, Felix de Weldon, America's premier monument sculptor, created the most dominant feature in the chapel, a 3,000 pound Vermont marble crucifix. The larger-than-life-size sculpture overlooks the altar. De

St. Nicholas chapel



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Weldon later sculpted the Iwo Jima Memorial, accomplishing both works of art while stationed at the naval air station as a Sailor during World War II.

The chapel also features 19 stained glass windows, eight of which depict the life of Christ, and a white colonial pulpit acquired from the U.S. Naval Academy chapel in 1943. The church's 300-pound bell was contributed by USS Attu, a World War II aircraft carrier. Recent changes include a digital organ and carillon.

Cedar Point Lighthouse

The Cedar Point Lighthouse was built in 1896 on a peninsula where the Patuxent River empties into the Chesapeake Bay. It was originally owned by the Coast Guard which sold all but a 10-by-10-foot parcel in 1928 to the Arundel Corporation. By the time the Navy purchased the lighthouse property in 1958, it had become an island. Due to the increasing soil erosion and storms, the lighthouse complex deteriorated rapidly. Funds to maintain its upkeep were not available. In 1981, the Department of Navy approved the demolition of the remaining lighthouse structure. In December of 1981, the cupola was removed using funds raised by the Friends of Cedar Point Lighthouse and placed on display at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum. Once the museum moved to its temporary location by Gate 1, the cupola was moved on station and was recently refurbished. In 1996, salvage efforts got under way to preserve what was left of the lighthouse. The remainder of the lighthouse structure was dismantled and donated to the Calvert Marine Museum and the St. Clements Island - Potomac River Museum. The bricks were used to build pavilions displaying pictures and the history of the lighthouse. The tiled roof with gabled ends was salvaged for display with the Calvert Marine Museum's maritime history exhibit.

Mattapany

The property on which the air station is located is the site of the famous estate, Mattapany. This elegantly constructed mansion is located on the northern boundary of the air station with an expansive lawn rolling to the shores of the Patuxent River junction of the Chesapeake Bay.

From the main road, the large white house appears distant because of the long lane approaching the main entrance. Shading its many windows are great trees, including tulip populars, oaks, black walnuts, magnolias

and boxwoods, many of which date to the original old manor house.

Like all mansions built in that period, it has an unhurried air. Perhaps it is because the finely proportioned rooms entered through arches lined with wood paneling, revealing the thickness of the walls of at least 18 inches, give a sense of seclusion to the remoteness from the rest of the world. This famous country estate took its name from the Algonquian Indian word, "Mattapany" which means, "the meeting of waters," or "where the path meets the waters."

The present Mattapany estate is on the site of a Jesuit mission erected soon after the settlement of St. Mary's City. The land for the mission was a gift to Father Andrew White and the Jesuits from the Patuxent Indians. The mission property was subsequently confiscated by Lord Baltimore because the patents from the land had not come from him. In 1663 Henry Sewall, Secretary of the Maryland Province, was granted the land.

In 1666, following the death of Henry Sewall, Charles Calvert, third Lord Baltimore, married Sewall's widow and soon thereafter built a brick home on a point overlooking the Patuxent River, which was about 250 yards southeast of the present home.

Calvert's house was apparently fortified, for in 1682 the provincial council passed an act establishing a guard at Mattapany for the defense of the Right Honorable Lord Proprietary, and with him the magazine and military stores there.

Mattapany protected more than the Calverts. During the Protestant Revolution, the deputies were driven from the capital at St. Mary's City and took refuge there. It was at Mattapany Aug. 1, 1689, that the formal articles of surrender were signed and the province thereby turned over to the revolutionists.

No records have been located giving the exact date that the present Mattapany was built. Best available records indicate that the older part was constructed about 1740 using bricks from Lord Baltimore's house and the two parlors added about 1850, as was the storm porch. From 1840 until 1932, the Thomas family lived here. George Weschler then acquired Mattapany and was in the process of restoring the house in 1942, when the Navy purchased it for the U.S. government as part of the site for the naval air station. Upon commissioning of the station April 1, 1943, the Secretary of the Navy designated Mattapany as the official quarters of the commanding officer of Naval Air Station Patuxent River.

Arrival & Settling In



Transportation from Airports

Arrivals via commercial air carrier will land at one of three airports in the Washington D.C., and Baltimore areas. Reagan National and Dulles International are located in the Washington, D.C., metro area. Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) is located closer to Baltimore.

Because of the rural location, no public transportation is available between Patuxent River and the airports. To avoid being stranded at an airport, it is important to have either a nationally recognized credit card or enough cash on hand to spend the night in a hotel or rent a car. Taxi service is available, but may cost between \$80 and \$100 from the airports to the station.

To be reimbursed for taxi fares or rental car fees, orders must specifically state: Authorized to utilize taxi or rental car from airport to ultimate destination.

Coordinating your arrival with your sponsor or the Command Duty Office may help prevent transportation problems. The Command Duty Office telephone number is 301-342-1095 or DSN 342-1095. The naval air station operates a shuttle service to the Washington, D.C., area on weekdays. Navy vans stop at Reagan National Airport twice daily, Monday through Friday, except on holidays, and depart from the main terminal entrance at 8:40 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. Navy vans departing Pax River for Reagan

leave at 5:30 and 10:35 a.m. from the main entrance of Building 409. For more information call 301-342-5088.

These shuttles also stop at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and the Washington Navy Yard. Call 301-342-1419 to make reservations.

Registration of Vehicles

Military members assigned to, and civilians employed at, Patuxent River must register privately owned motor vehicles with the NAS Department of Public Safety immediately on arrival.

Registration requirements include:

- 1) Evidence of motor vehicle ownership and state registration. Valid state registration plates must appear on all vehicles.
- 2) A valid state operator's license.
- 3) A valid base identification card.
- 4) Certification of continuing motor vehicle liability insurance in an amount that meets the minimum limits prescribed by the Financial Responsibility Law of the state of Maryland.
- 5) Permission for vehicle search upon request by proper authority.
- 6) Notify the NAS Public Safety Department pass office of any change in information submitted on the initial registration application.

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- 7) Familiarization with NASPAXRIVINST 5560.2, Administration of Traffic Regulations.

If the vehicle being registered is a motorcycle or moped, the operator must complete, or must have completed, a motorcycle safety course that meets the requirements established by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. A temporary pass will be issued to allow the operator time to complete the required training, which is offered by the NAS Safety Department.

To host special guests and group functions, the civil service or military sponsor must notify the NAS Public Safety pass office in writing 72 hours before the event. The sponsor is required to provide the following information: date, time, location of the visit; a legible, alphabetical listing of all guests with SSNs (the guests' citizenship must be specified), and the sponsor must list his/her name and phone number.

The NAS Public Safety pass offices provide various services to Patuxent River residents, employees and visitors. The offices are open Monday through Friday.

Services offered at Gate One

301-757-1770/1771

The Gate One Pass Office is open Monday -Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Vehicle registration hours are from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

Weapons registration is completed from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

Issuance of temporary passes from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Scheduling, arranging for special events from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Scheduling visitors in the Command Entry Control System (CECS) 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Services offered at Gate Two

301-342-3231/4509

Gate Two Pass Office is open Monday - Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Vehicle registration from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

Weapons registration from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

Issuance of ID badges Monday through Thursday from 7 to 11 a.m. and noon to 3:30 p.m., Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Scheduling visitors in CECS 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Personnel Support Activity Detachment

301-342-7324

The Personnel Support Activity Detachment is organized to provide Navy members with one-stop personnel service. PSD services include all pay functions, receipts and transfers, reenlistments and separations, educational services, personnel accounting ID cards for military members and their dependents, fleet reserve and retirement, travel, transportation and numerous other services to DoD employees and contractors as well as Navy members.

Command Career Counselors

301-342-1563 or DSN 342-1563

The Command Career Counselors assist Navy members in the establishment and accomplishment of career goals through training information and personal counseling. CCC conducts career information and training courses for department and tenant career counselors and supervisory personnel. Also offered are pre retirement/fleet reserve seminars, retention team meetings, retention and incentive briefs, pre-separation briefs, base indoctrination and a wide variety of specific subject general military training. Spouses are encouraged to participate in the career counseling process whenever possible. The CCC's main office is staffed by Navy counselors.

Pass and ID office



Home Sweet Home



Navy Gateway Inns & Suites

301-995-3601, DSN 342-3601

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites is a transient facility for Active duty, reservists, federal employees on orders, and retirees (space available). Reservations at Navy Gateway Inns & Suites can be made by calling commercial 301-342-3601 or DSN 342-3601. All rooms are non-smoking and there is a NO pet policy in effect. Our inventory consists of 74 suites with equipped kitchens (two of which are handicap accessible) and 74 standard rooms (one of which is handicap accessible). These rooms are equipped with microwaves and refrigerators, expanded cable, DVD/VCR, direct dial long distance service, free local telephone service, free wireless Internet service, air conditioning, hair dryers, irons, and ironing boards. Also available are ice machines, vending area, free video check out, free coffee mess, free washer/dryer facilities, exercise room and housekeeping services. Our check-in desk is located in Building 406; check-in time is 3 p.m. Navy Gateway Inns & Suites (transient) and the Bachelor Quarters (permanent party) are now separate entities.

Housing Welcome Center

301-342-3846

The Housing Welcome Center is located on Cuddihy Road, Building 2371 and provides housing referral serv-

ices, both on and off station, to the Pax River work force. Lincoln Military Housing has entered into a Public Private Venture (PPV) with the Navy and manages all military family housing units that are part of the Naval Air Station Patuxent River complex.

Assignment policies, eligibility, and bedroom entitlement is determined by the government, in compliance with OPNAVINST 11101.13. To apply, provide the following:

- 1) A completed DD-1746 (Application for Assignment to Housing)
- 2) A copy of your orders
- 3) Certification of bona fide family members (members listed on the emergency data application, Page 2) E-mail (patuxent_river@housing.navy.mil) or fax (240-895-0385) the above information as soon as you receive your orders so we may begin planning your arrival.
- 4) Upon receipt, fax your UIC "date of loss statement" from your LAST PERMANENT COMMAND (this determines application effective date, if applying in advance). You usually will not receive this until your detaching date is near.

Upon advancement to the wait list, your application will be referred to a Leasing Consultant with Lincoln Military Housing for assignment to housing. Please note: assignment to PPV housing does not constitute the breaking of a lease agreement in the local community.

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Military members must contact the housing office before making any arrangements for housing in the local community. This service assists in the location of suitable, non-discriminatory, affordable housing in the community through rental/sales listings by owners and local real estate brokers. Housing referral counselors are available Monday-Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For your convenience, our office foyer remains open 24-hours and maintains an abundance of information to include maps and current property listings in the local community.

Lincoln Military Housing

240-895-0380

The mission of Lincoln Military Housing is to provide military families with exemplary service in a quality home environment. Several communities are being renovated and two new neighborhoods are being built off station.

The rent charge for living in military housing is equal to the BAH rate for Pax River. Lincoln Military Housing offers several financial benefits as well as multiple programs and activities to foster a sense of community. Some benefits to being a Lincoln Military Housing resident are:

- 1) No utility payments
- 2) 24-hour emergency maintenance
- 3) No security deposit if the allotment payment option is selected
- 4) Free monthly events with different themes
- 5) Sponsored events such as free tickets to the circus or ball games
- 6) Free renters insurance (\$10,000)
- 7) Free roadside assistance (on station and within a five-mile radius)
- 8) Maintained grounds

Currently, Lincoln Military Housing is also accepting geographical bachelors and single service members as residents in select communities.

The housing community center is also available for the benefit and recreation of housing residents for special events from birthday parties to receptions. For additional information, call Lincoln Military Housing at 240-895-0380.

Columbia Colony Housing Area

(Officer and Senior Enlisted Quarters - 92 Units) Four-bedroom and three-bedroom units. Floor plans vary by elevation. Equipped with a gas stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal and a two car garage. These quarters are air conditioned. Total square footage varies between 2177 and 2478.

Challenger Estates Housing Area

(Enlisted Quarters - 125 Units) Four-bedroom and three-bedroom units. Floor plans vary by elevation. Equipped with a gas stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal and a two car garage. These quarters are air conditioned. Total square footage varies between 1770 and 2338.

Carpenter Park Housing Area

(Enlisted Quarters - 100 Units) 48 four-bedroom and 52 three-bedroom units. Floor plans are similar. Quarters are assigned to enlisted personnel. Equipped with an electric stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, garbage disposal, and an exterior storage shed. These quarters are air conditioned. Total square feet 1696.

Glenn Forest Housing Area

(Enlisted Quarters - 250 Units) 174 two-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath; 56 three-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath and 20 four-bedroom, 2 1/2-bath townhouse units. They are equipped with a heat pump, central air conditioning, an electric stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, disposal and garage. The units were constructed in 1985. Total square footage for two-bedroom 1250; three-bedroom, 1780; four-bedroom is 1900.

Lovell Court Housing Area

(Enlisted Quarters - 86 Units) 57 four-bedroom and 29 three-bedroom units. Quarters are assigned to enlisted personnel. They are equipped with an electric stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, garbage disposal and an exterior storage shed. Quarters are equipped with a heat pump and central air conditioning.

Chaffee Court

(Enlisted Quarters - 28 Units) Similar floor plan, and amenities as Lovell Court. 14 four-bedroom units constructed in 1969. Total square footage of each; 14 three-bedroom - 1,164; four bedroom - 1,330.

At Your Service



Administration

The Administration office provides staff, administrative, clerical and general management support services, command career counseling, command communications material system services, command duty office services, and administration and review of enlisted personnel requirements.

Air Operations

Air Operations handles 165,000 air operations annually. With its five divisions, Air Ops manages two Navy airfields, including air traffic control services within special use airspace and to 23 general aviation airports within 6,800 square miles of delegated airspace. Additional services include maintenance of air navigation aids and landing systems as well as other local and remotely-sited ground electronic equipment, search and rescue helicopter services and transient line maintenance services for visiting aircraft. Logistics flight services are also provided for all tenant activities attached to the naval air station with the UC-12B aircraft and contract flights.

American Red Cross

301-342-4100 or 888-276-2767

The Southern Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross acts as the liaison between military members

and their families. In cases of emergency such as: illnesses, accidents, births, deaths or any incident involving the immediate family of a service member. With a congressional mandate, the Southern Maryland Chapter, Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES) is available 24 hours a day 365 days year to assist military members and/or their families with emergency notifications. (Financial assistance may be provided if conditions warrant - See Navy-Marine Corp Relief Society)

The Patuxent River branch office provides volunteer opportunities throughout the military and civilian community. Volunteers are placed in responsible positions at the Naval Clinic, Pharmacy, Medical Records, Woman's Clinic and the Dental Assistant Program, as well as participating in community service programs, disaster services and working at the Red Cross office. Individuals may volunteer one or more days a month.

Interested volunteers may become health & safety instructors in CPR, first aid, babysitters, caregiving, aquatic programs, lifeguards and other Red Cross certified programs. Volunteers may also join local Disaster Action Teams (DAT) and assist the Red Cross in bringing relief to local disaster victims in the community.

The Southern Maryland Red Cross is located in Building 401, 2nd Deck and is staffed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fax 301-342-4157.

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Branch Dental Clinic

301-342-1407/1408

The Dental Clinic is a modern, well-equipped facility staffed with four general dentists within the Naval Health Clinic. Active-duty members may make appointments after receiving a complete exam either as part of dental/birth month recall, physical exam or dental sick call. Sick call is available on a walk-in basis from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Patients in need of immediate treatment will be seen on a priority basis. Check-ins/outs are encouraged after 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. After hours emergencies are directed to report to the Naval Health Clinic Quarterdeck or call 301-342-1418 to speak to the Medical Officer of the Day. The duty dental technician and/or officer will be contacted as needed. All active-duty members are eligible for dental treatment. Retired military members will be seen for emergency treatment only. No definitive treatment for family members can be delivered and emergency treatment can be rendered only after all attempts to contact a civilian provider have been exhausted. Families must be enrolled with United Concordia TRICARE Dental Program.

Child Development Center

301-342-7636

Families at Patuxent River find an invaluable resource at the Child Development Center. The center offers full-time childcare for infants 6 weeks through 5 years of age. There is a high demand for childcare here and the center also offers a referral service for all station employees.

The Resource and Referral Office can be reached at 202-433-3055 or DSN 288-3055. A booklet is available to parents with the names and numbers of local area day care facilities as well as a list of all the child development homes (home-care providers) located on and off station.

Child Development Home Providers

301-342-3960

Certified childcare providers, located in government housing and off station, offer in-home care for families at Pax River. A current listing of certified providers may be obtained at the CDH Office, Child Development Center, Child Development Center Annex and Housing Welcome Center.

Subsidies are available for all active-duty military parents (specific age requirements apply).

The Child Development Home program office is located next to the Child Development Annex on Liljencrantz Road.

The CDH also offers employment opportunities for military spouses living on or off station. CDH providers work out of their homes, care for children, and have the flexibility to set their own hours and fees. Training and assistance is provided to all CDH providers.

Commissary

301-342-3789/3630

The Patuxent River Commissary is located at 22155 Cuddihy Road, Building 2173, across the street from the Navy Lodge and next to the gas station. The Commissary is open Tuesday, through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Commissary is also open for Early Bird Shopping (15 items or less) Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The Commissary is closed Mondays and most federal holidays. Closures will be posted in the store. Calls to verify hours of operation are welcome. The e-mail address for the Patuxent River Commissary Store Director is debbie.house@deca.mil. More information concerning all commissaries is available on the official DeCA Web site at <http://www.commissaries.com>.

Environmental

Located within the Public Works Department, the station's environmental office provides comprehensive services in three broad areas: compliance, environmental planning, and conservation. Compliance programs focus on regulatory compliance review and tracking for things such as clean air, clean water, hazardous materials and hazardous waste handling, proper environmental planning and cleanup of former waste disposal sites. Environmental planning staff reviews all proposed projects and considers alternatives in an attempt to minimize environmental impact, preparing Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements as necessary. Conservation programs include both natural and cultural resources management; featuring archaeology, historic architecture and preservation planning on the cultural side, and fish and wildlife management, forestry, land management, and outdoor recreation on the natural resources side. Natural

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resources employees provide nuisance wildlife response services and oversee outdoor recreational programs including fishing, crabbing, shellfishing, hunting, trapping, hiking, firewood cutting and nature study. Known for its award-winning community service and environmental stewardship programs, the department is responsible for environmental education programs on station and contributes to many activities within the neighboring communities. The station operates an Environmental Education Center, located in Building 1410, at the intersection of Johnson and Cedar Point Roads. Multiple partnerships with private sector and government agencies have been successful in advancing environmental compliance and education. A successful environmental restoration program and community Restoration Advisory Board keeps the public aware of all restoration activities at Pax River.

Fleet and Family Support Center

301-342-4911

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), located in Building 2090 on Bundy Road, recognizes that being “Navy” or “Marine” is a lifestyle that presents unique challenges and opportunities for service members and their families.

FFSC programs are intended to help make the most of military life. Workshops and seminars are open to active-duty, retired military, their family members, and if space is available, DoD civil service employees, their spouses and contractor employees. The workshops and seminars are organized and facilitated by the professional staff of the FFSC as well as professional educators within the local community.

FFSC hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Counseling Services

The FFSC has Licensed Counselors available for crisis intervention, as well as short-term individual, marriage and family counseling for active duty members and their families. Educational programs and workshops are offered in areas as diverse as Stress Management, Couples Communication and Anger Management.

Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

The FFSC has Licensed Counselors to assist the mili-

tary community with personal and family problems related to child and spouse abuse issues. FAP services address the needs of victims and offenders of spouse abuse, child abuse or neglect. The FFSC also has a Family Advocacy Victim Advocate to assist victims of domestic violence.

Anger Management, Stress Management, Parenting Classes, and Educational Classes for offenders and victims are available through FAP.

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) Program

The Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) Program offers case management, prevention education, victim advocate services and training classes for Victim Advocates, Command Points of Contact, Command Liaisons and Data Collection. The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) and SAVI Point of Contact assists commands in implementing and administering sexual assault awareness, prevention education, victim advocacy and data collection. The intervention portion of the program is designed to support active duty victims, adult family members and civilians as they deal with the many issues following sexual assault trauma.

New Parent Support Program

The FFSC Registered Nurse provides hospital visitation, in-home services and support for all eligible military families assigned to Pax River who are expecting a baby or have infants. Services include infant education classes, breast pump loan locker and Parenting Classes. NPS also provides and supports four lactation stations at various sites on station for the exclusive use of nursing mothers who are returning to work after the birth of their babies.

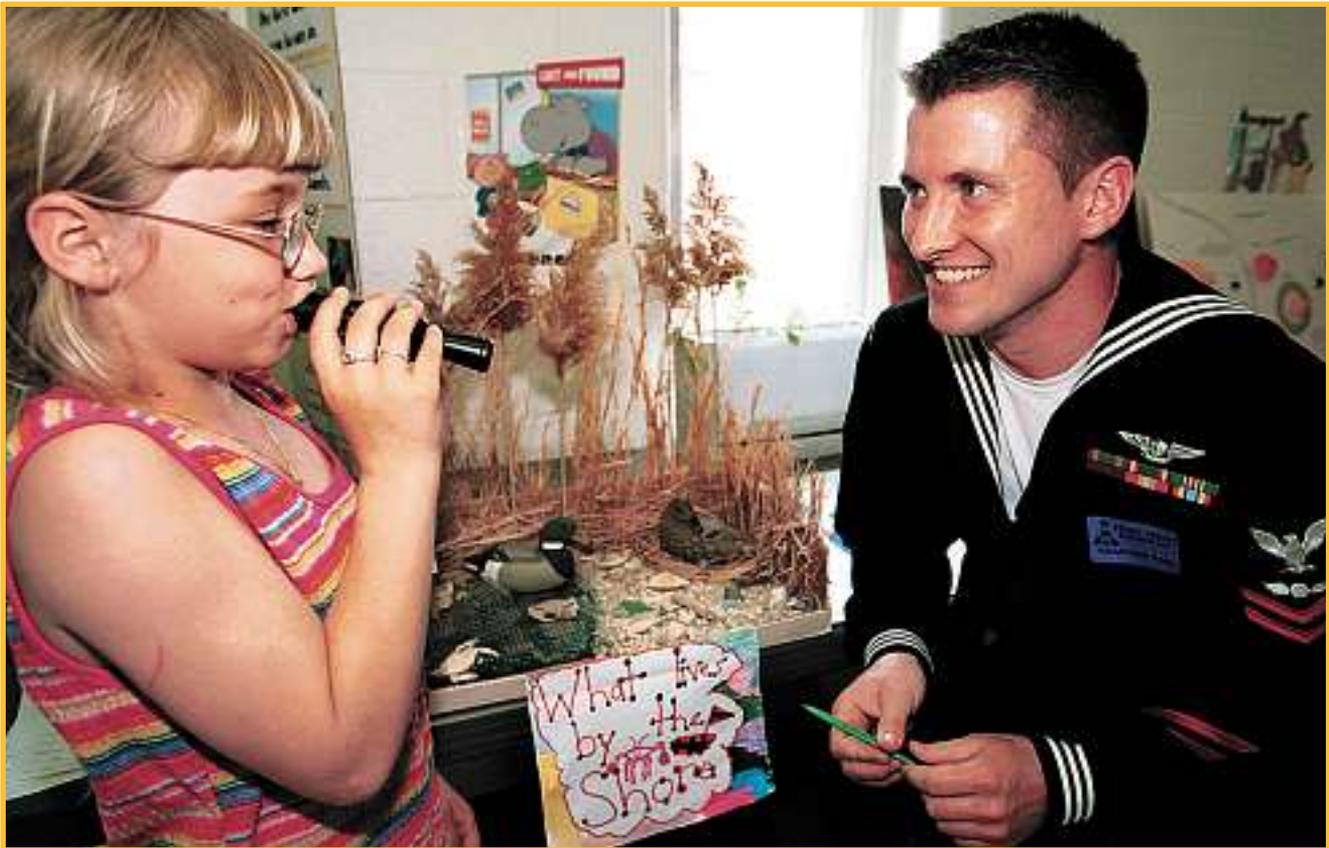
Deployment Support

The FFSC offers Deployment Support Programs for Individual Augmentee (IA), family members and deploying detachments located in the Pax River area. The goal is to enhance the Navy’s mission by reducing personal and family emergencies that may occur during deployments and assisting single and married service members and their families in successfully managing deployments before, during and after the deployments.

Education and Training

The FFSC’s Professional Facilitators and Presenters offer workshops and seminars on topics such as Stress Management, Financial Planning, House Buying, Estate

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A PEP volunteer shares a moment with a student

Planning, Parenting, Couples Communication, Relocation and Job Skills. Programs are offered at the FFSC and at Command locations.

Employment and Career Resources

Finding a job is often one of the greatest concerns for military family members relocating to a new area.

The Transition Assistance Management Program and Family Employment Readiness Program provide a variety of services and a wide range of workshops. These include: Resume Writing, Cover Letters, 10 Steps to a Federal Job, Interviewing, Networking, Job Search Strategies and many more. Employment Counselors are available by appointment to critique resumes, practice job interviewing, and assist with marketing individual skills.

- Computer Resource Room (CRR)
- The CRR is available for job searching on the Internet (federal and civilian jobs), resume formatting, current job openings and job fair information are posted in notebooks. The CRR also has a telephone, copy machine and facsimile available for client use.

Some benefits are:

- MS Word for preparing resumes and cover letters.
- Reference material for preparing resumes, cover letters and interviewing are available for use.

Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

Whether separating from the military or about to retire, TAP provides individual transition counseling and a four-day workshop.

Transitioning military members and their spouses will receive information concerning benefits, interviewing skills, resume writing and salary negotiation when they utilize the TAP program.

Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP)

Relocating for family members does not always mean starting over. DoD recognizes that spouses have difficulties maintaining careers due to constant relocation. The FERP counselor is available by appointment to assist in providing valuable resources regarding portable careers, resume writing, federal job applications and other job-related skills and techniques.

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Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a DoD mandatory program designed to identify family members with long-term health care or special education needs. It ensures service members will be assigned to a location where the special needs of the family will be met. Information and Referral may assist with your EFMP needs.

Financial Management

The FFSC offers a trained Financial Counselor who will take you step-by-step through the Navy Standardized Curriculum process which involves setting up and effectively managing a basic financial plan. Workshops, counseling, seminars on buying cars, renting or buying homes, and much more are offered. The PFMP offers one-on-one counseling to those experiencing money management difficulties or for those who wish to better understand how to budget their finances.

Information & Referral (I&R)

The I&R Counselor will provide information about the exceptional Family Member Program, schools, child care providers, Navy Lodges, legal aid, voter registration, and much more. Call or come by for our “one stop” Information and Referral Service on local military or civilian resources, activities, and programs.

Ombudsman Program

An Ombudsman is a volunteer spouse, trained to act as a liaison between family members and the active-duty command. The Work and Family Life Consultant is the Ombudsman Program Coordinator for NAS Pax River.

Relocation Assistance

The FFSC offers a wide variety of services, support and programs to help ease the stress and financial strain of a PCS move. Services available to all active duty members and their families include a Loan Closet with commonly used kitchen items, as well as sleeping futons, folding director’s style chairs, stick vacuums and microwave ovens. A “Welcome to Pax” Newcomer’s Briefing and windshield tour of the installation is offered twice quarterly. Hard-copy and Internet-based information is provided covering subjects such as employment, childcare, housings, schools, and a myriad of other topics of importance to new arrivals. To access instant information about NAS Patuxent River visit either of these

Web sites: <http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil> or <http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/Patuxent/index.htm>.

If you have orders to Patuxent River, you will need a sponsor who can assist you with your needs. **To request a Sponsor, visit the Patuxent River homepage listed above. To ensure a sponsor is assigned, you may also contact your gaining command.** Your sponsor should arrange to meet you upon your arrival. This is why consistent communication with your sponsor prior to moving here will make your relocation experience much better. Your mail may begin to be redirected to the General Delivery address two weeks before the service member’s arrival. The address to use is: Service Member’s Name, C/O General Delivery, NAS Patuxent River, MD 20670. Post Office boxes for unaccompanied members residing in base Bachelor Quarters are currently issued by Bachelor Housing personnel upon assignment of Bachelor Quarters to the service member.

Veterans Affairs

A Veterans Affairs Benefits Counselor visits the FFSC several days each month to answer questions concerning VA benefits and services. All veterans, transitioning service members and family members are eligible for this service. This service is by appointment only.

Human Resources Office

(Total Force Management and Strategy Department)

The Total Force Management and Strategy Department administers human resources and equal employment opportunity programs for the civilian and military work force, which includes providing services in the area of employment, classification, labor and employee relations, employee benefits and services, manpower and human resource data analysis, employee development and education, and equal employment opportunity, complaint counseling/resolution and the drug-free workplace program.

The Total Force Management and Strategy Department provides advice, assistance and services to executives, managers, supervisors and employees. It also represents the human resource interests of NAVAIR Headquarters, NAWCAD, NAS Patuxent River and the tenant community in dealings with the Office of Personnel Management, Department of Defense and Department of Navy. Visit the Human Resources Web site at <http://hro.navair.navy.mil>.

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Mattapanay Day Camp

301-342-1694/4800

Mattapanay Day Camp is one of the most highly anticipated summer programs on station. The popular day camp offers children ages five, who have completed kindergarten, through 12 years structured care in an outdoor setting. Campers enjoy arts and crafts, nature walks, swimming lessons, day trips and other special events.

Registration is held in March. Due to the popularity of camp, full time employees with children enrolled in the School Age Care program during the school year have priority to camp registration. Any unfilled spots are then available to active-duty military, DoD employees and contractors on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration details are available in the *Tester* and *Patuxent Trails* in February.

NAVAIR Ranges Sustainability Office

Citizens may express their concerns regarding noise generated from NAS Patuxent River by contacting the station via telephone or mail. A noise disturbance hotline was established in November 2001 to receive noise disturbance reports from the community. The hotline is typically manned from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In the event no one is available to receive the call in person, callers are instructed to leave their names, contact information and a description of the event. The toll-free phone number for the noise hotline is 1-866-819-9028.

For written inquiries, correspondence should be sent to:

NAVAIR Ranges Sustainability Office
Attn: Noise Hotline Team
22473 Millstone Rd.
Patuxent River, Md. 20670

A representative from NAS Patuxent River will begin investigating phone and/or written inquiries related to a noise event within one business day, and will follow-up with the person reporting the disturbance. For more information visit <http://www.navair.navy.mil/oe/index.html>

Navy Exchange

301-342-0614/0616

Building 2369, 22099 Cuddihy Road

Main Store Hours of Operation

Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holiday hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Navy Exchange retail store offers the following:

- Uniform shop
- * Clothing, shoes and accessories for the entire family
- Electronics, Computers, Computer Software, Video Games
- Prerecorded Video and Music
- Giftware and Home Decor
- Cosmetics and Fragrances, featuring Estee Lauder
- Fine Jewelry, Watches and Sunglasses
- Domestic
- Housewares and Small Electrics



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- Wine and Spirits
- Toys
- Sporting Goods
- Automotive
- Health and Beauty Aids
- Hardware
- Pet Supplies
- Complete Lawn and Garden Shop
- Major Appliances, i.e., washers/dryers, freezers and refrigerators
- Blue Rhino Propane tank exchange

The following services are offered at Customer Service:

- Western Union
- United Parcel Service
- Film Developing and Kodak Picture Maker
- Rug Doctor Rental
- Engraving
- Special Orders
- Layaways
- Check Cashing
- Star Card Applications

The Navy Exchange offers a complete floral shop with FTD Wire Service and local delivery. Maryland, DC souvenirs. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 301-342-0621.

The Tailor Shop is located in the Uniform Shop and is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Navy Exchange has a full-service Beauty Salon, hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 301-342-0612.

The Navy Exchange Barber shop is located adjacent to the Beauty Salon, hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call 301-342-0611.

Laundry and dry cleaning services are offered by Royal Cleaners, hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Royal Cleaners is located at the far left front of the Navy Exchange. For more information call 301-737-1330.

Enterprise Rent a Car Kiosk is located in the main Exchange (Building 2369) in the Food Court. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 301-866-1705.

Tax services are available February-April in the mall area.

The Navy Exchange Gas Station and Quik Mart Convenience store are located across from the Commissary. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Pay at the pump 24-hours-a-day with credit card. For more information call 301-863-1258. Budget truck rental is available at the Quik Mart. Call 240-725-0967 for reservations. Blue Rhino Propane tank exchange is also available. A fully automated soft-cloth car wash is adjacent to the Quik Mart.

The following food service outlets are available:

McDonald's

Building 2465

301-862-3833

Monday-Friday 5 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Subway

Building 421

301-866-9178

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Sea Wings Cafe

Building 2272

301-862-5733

Monday-Friday 6 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Rice King/RK Café/Sbarro's Pizza

NEX Food Court Building 2369

301-863-2591

Rice King

Monday-Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

RK Café

Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sbarro's Pizza Coming Soon

Seattle's Best Coffee

NEX Food Court

Building 2369

301-863-7534

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Naval Health Clinic

301-342-1418/1419

The Naval Health Clinic Patuxent River is staffed to provide quality health care services to all active-duty and eligible beneficiaries. The clinic is located onboard NAS Patuxent River at the intersection of Cedar Point and Buse Roads. Available services include active duty dental, military medicine, flight medicine, physical exams, pediatrics, family medicine, immunizations, occupational health, optometry, preventive medicine, psychology, social work, radiology, pharmacy, laboratory and health promotion services. This facility averages approximately 55,000 outpatient visits per year. The Naval Health Clinic is a TRICARE Prime enrollment site.

Navy Lodge

1-800-NAVY-INN or 301-737-2400

All ranks, active-duty (on duty or leave), reservists, retirees, federal employees on orders and other authorized guests may make reservations at the Navy Lodge. There are 50 units with queen beds and private baths. Of these 50 rooms, six sets are interconnecting, two are handicap-accessible and all are non-smoking units. Two units are pet-friendly. Each unit contains a kitchenette with microwave, utensils, dining table, satellite television, wireless Internet, DVDs, direct dial long distance service and air conditioning. Cribs, highchairs, roll-away beds, hairdryers, irons/ironing boards, maid service, ice, snack vending machines, playground, DVD rentals and washer/dryer facilities are available for guest use. The lodge is located in Building 2119, check-in is between 3 and 6 p.m. Call to make reservations. The Navy Lodge fax number is 301-862-7866.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

301-342-4739/4817 or DSN 342-4739

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a non-profit organization with a primary mission to assist active-duty and retired service members, their family members and survivors with emergency financial assistance, education or other services in times of need.

N-MCRS provides emergency financial assistance in the form of interest-free loans and/or grants for needs such as, but not limited to, transportation associated

with emergency leave, food, rent, utilities, essential vehicle repairs, patient's share of medical/dental bills, military pay problems and funeral expenses.

The society sponsors education loans and grants for dependent children of active-duty and retired members, as well as spouses of active-duty who return to school full-time. N-MCRS also conducts a Budget for Baby class each month at the Fleet and Family Support Center. Class attendees receive information regarding financial planning and budgeting pertaining to families with children. At the conclusion of the class each family in attendance receives a "Junior Seabag" filled with baby items, as a gift from the society valued at over \$100 to welcome their newborn. This program is open to all Sailors and Marines regardless of rank.

The N-MCRS office, located in Building 401, is staffed primarily by trained volunteers, and is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday by appointment. Call for more information, to make an appointment, or inquire about volunteering.

AFTER HOURS:

Service members with emergency leave situations can receive assistance from the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society through the After Hours Assistance Program. For after-hours emergency leave assistance, for the service member or the spouse, call 301-342-1097 and request N-MCRS assistance.

Public Affairs Office

301-757-6748

The Public Affairs Office, located on the second floor of Building 409, is responsible for internal information, media relations, community relations and review of non-technical material intended for public release. The Public Affairs officer is the official spokespersons for NAW-CAD and NAS Patuxent River. Any official contacts with off-station news media, speeches or other types of presentations to community organizations or groups must first be coordinated with the Public Affairs Office.

The Public Affairs Office serves the entire Patuxent River complex with a variety of information media, including its award-winning station newspaper, *Tester*, and this station guide. Public affairs professionals also tell the Patuxent River story off station through their liaison with local, regional and national print and broadcast news media.

The Public Affairs Office is also responsible for

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releasing information to outside news media.

Public Affairs also manages an active station tour program for community groups, giving taxpaying citizens the opportunity to see and hear about Patuxent River's mission firsthand.

Public Safety

Public Safety provides advice, guidance and assistance in all aspects of Physical Security, Law Enforcement and OSH Safety and Fire Services. Public Safety also is responsible for protecting life and property, preventing crime, unlawful entry, covert acts and enforcing laws, instructions, rules and regulations governing Physical Security, Law Enforcement and OSH Safety and Fire Services. Public Safety administers the physical security, law enforcement, fire and rescue/disaster preparedness program; formulates and enforces command security procedures; exercises control over visitors to the complex; investigates crimes and evaluates investigative data; provides fire protection and fire-rescue services; maintains liaison with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies; conducts a comprehensive occupational safety and health program, monitors and tracks mishap and mishap reporting; administers an aggressive accident prevention program; and coordinates occupational health and medical surveillance programs.

Public Works Department (PWD - PAX)

Public Works is part of the NAVFAC organization and is responsible for the management, acquisition, maintenance and repair of facilities, facility systems, pavements, utilities, and vehicles. Public Works also provides the design, construction, repair, alteration and demolition of facilities and infrastructure. Public Works provides installation support services, including planning, budgeting, engineering, base operating services that includes grounds maintenance, janitorial, transportation, refuse collection, ceremony support and pest control.

PWD also includes an environmental department that provides services in three broad areas: compliance, conservation and pollution prevention. Compliance programs focus on regulatory compliance review and tracking for things such as clean air, clean water, hazardous materials and hazardous waste handling, proper environmental planning and cleanup of former waste disposal sites. Pollution prevention programs include recycling and solid waste management, as well as oil spill prevention and control. Conservation programs include both natural and cultural resources management; featuring archaeology, historic architecture and preservation planning on the cultural side, and fish and wildlife

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management, forestry, land management, and outdoor recreation on the natural resources side. Natural resources employees provide nuisance wildlife response services. A successful installation restoration program and community Restoration Advisory Board keeps the public aware of all restoration activities at Pax River.

Religious Programs

301-342-3811/3812

The NAS Patuxent River St. Nicholas Chapel is located off Cedar Point Road less than one mile from Gate Two. The Religious Programming Center, Building 401, is located adjacent to the chapel. Chaplain office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Religious Program Center houses the Protestant, Catholic and Command Chaplain's offices, as well as a religious fellowship hall, religious library, meeting facilities and multi-use classrooms.

Catholic services are Sunday at 8 and 9:30 a.m. Daily Mass is at 11:35 a.m. and CCD is Sunday at 11 a.m. The Protestant service is Sunday at 11 a.m., with a soup, salad and scripture at 5 p.m. These times are also posted on the chapel board on Cedar Point Road.

The RPC also offers Sunday School, nursery, Bible studies, prayer breakfasts, Children's Choirs, a Christian Men's Fellowship, an active teen youth group, retreats for all ages and other special events. Call for more information concerning counseling, confession or registration in any of the command religious programs. Programs and services are open to all military, family members and DoD eligible personnel with station access.

Judge Advocate

301-342-7510

The Staff Judge Advocate provides direct legal advice and support to the Commanding Officer, NAS, and tenant commands within the region on matters including but not limited to military justice, ethics, standards of conduct, international law civil affairs (except government contracts), administrative law, litigation, legal assistance, environmental law and investigations, including inspector general reports on senior officials. The JAG administers the military justice system and maintains liaison with local law enforcement agencies.

Legal Assistance Services

301-342-7643

Customer Service Hours 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday - Thursday. Notary hours 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Monday - Thursday. The Navy Legal Service Office, North Central, coordinates and provides legal assistance for active duty, retired military and dependents. Legal assistance includes advice and services regarding adoption, consumer issues, family law, immigration, landlord-tenant issues, notarization of documents, powers of attorney, preventive law, tax preparation, and wills and other estate planning.

Supply

Supply provides logistics support to all activities aboard the NAS Patuxent River complex, including its Webster Field Annex. From nuts and bolts and navigational charts to advanced avionics units or repair parts for organizational and intermediate maintenance efforts, the department has access to the millions of lines of inventory throughout the Department of Defense supply system. Supply operates divisions for fuels, stock control, quality assurance, IT systems, household goods, and aviation support along with a material division for receiving, storage, warehousing and shipment of government assets.

Tester

301-757-6748

The station newspaper Tester is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each weekday for submission of editorial copy which must be received by Monday at noon. The Tester editorial office is located on the 2nd floor of Building 409. Free classified ads may be placed in the newspaper by active-duty, family members and retired military. Paid advertising is also available. Both types of ads may be placed at the publisher's office in Lexington Park, or by calling 301-862-2111.

Veterinary Treatment Facility

301-342-4213

The Veterinary Treatment Facility offers over-the-counter sales for pet needs and hosts special clinics overseen by the Army veterinary staff. Active-duty and retired military and reservists during active duty periods are eligible to use this facility. Programs and policies are administered by the Army.

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation

301-342-3510

Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsors recreation-based programs and facilities for residents and employees at Naval Air Station Patuxent River. These services form a web of activities which include athletics, childcare, dining and entertainment. MWR provides information about upcoming events on its Web site, in the Tester, Patuxent Trails, on signboards and in literature stands on station. Aboard station log on to <https://icbm.navair.navy.mil/mwr> for facility descriptions, hours of operation, upcoming events and more. The best way to learn about MWR events is to subscribe to the free, weekly electronic newsletter. Call 301-342-3635 to sign up.

Auto Skills Center

301-342-3507

MWR's Auto Skills Center is a leisure-time facility ideal for the automotive enthusiast. The center features seven repair stalls with lifts, two car repair stalls, auto

and utility trailer storage, tool rentals and welding equipment. All active-duty and retired military, reserves, their family members, and Department of Defense employees are eligible to use this facility.

Beach House

301-342-3508/3648

MWR's Beach House is located on the shores of the Patuxent River. The facility may be rented year-round for picnics, receptions and command functions. The Beach House boasts a complete kitchen and spacious serving area. A large covered pavilion, beach overlook deck, picnic tables, grills, a softball field and volleyball court are located on the Beach House grounds. All active-duty and retired military, reserves, their family members, and DoD employees are eligible to rent this facility.

Camping

301-342-3508/3648

Patuxent River features 41 campsites with comfort stations nestled amid the beauty of land and sea. From primitive and shoreline sites to those with water and elec-

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trical hook-ups, there is no better way to get closer to the natural beauty of the region. Campsites may be reserved at MWR's Information, Tickets and Tours office. Camping gear may be rented at Gear Issue located inside the drill hall. All active-duty and retired military, reservists, their family members, and DoD employees are eligible to rent campsites at the station.

Commercial Sponsorship

301-342-3214

Commercial sponsorship provides the opportunity for businesses and corporations to generate publicity by sponsoring one of MWR's special events. This assistance generally takes the form of a financial contribution or merchandise. Any consumer product company may become an MWR sponsor. The partnership between MWR and sponsors from the community helps MWR continue to provide station residents and employees with a wide variety of fun, recreation-based activities.

Cedar Point Beach

301-342-3508/3648

Cedar Point Beach cozies up to the Chesapeake Bay with a stretch of sand ideal for sun bathing, swimming, picnicking and just enjoying the view. The beach is lifeguard-staffed during the summer months and populated by swimmers until sea nettles arrive and force closure. Restroom facilities, showers, sand volleyball court and a number of covered picnic pavilions and playground are located at the beach. The large pavilion requires a reservation.

Active-duty and retired military, reserves, DoD employees, family members and contractors are eligible to use the beach.

Cedar Point Golf Course

301-342-3597

The Cedar Point Golf Course is laid out along the coves of the Chesapeake Bay for a truly scenic golfing experience. The United States Golf Association-sanctioned course plays long with fast greens and water coming into play on 18 holes. The course is staffed by Professional Golf Association professionals and offers a full season of tournament play. Instruction is also available for golfers of all skill levels. Active-duty and retired military, reserves, DoD employees, family

members, guests, and contractors are eligible to golf at Cedar Point. A driving range, practice greens, pro shop and snack bar are all available.

Center Stage Theater

301-342-3572

The Center Stage Theater brings the magic of cinema to life at Patuxent River. The theater boasts ample seating and state-of-the-art conference facilities. The theater is also ideal for children's birthday parties. Free children's birthday movie programs are available.

The Center Stage Theater is open to active-duty and retired military, reserves, DoD employees, contractors and family members. Call 301-342-5033 for movie schedule and play times.

Customized Creations

301-342-3569

Customized Creations is a personalized gift shop that sells plaques, T-shirts, team uniforms, mugs, key chains, and other items. Customized Creations features a graphics corner where patrons can use specially designated equipment to create their own unique designs. Active-duty and retired military, reserves, DoD employees and family members are eligible to use Customized Creations.

Employment Services

301-342-0943

MWR's personnel office is located in Building 467, adjacent to the Patuxent Landing Restaurant. This office is a resource for many job opportunities at MWR and the station's visitor quarters along with job opportunities at other region bases. Employment options range from child-care and customer service positions to accounting technicians and facility managers. MWR also offers a number of part-time jobs ideal for active-duty enlisted members.

Energy Zone

301-995-3869/342-3648

The Energy Zone, located behind the drill hall, features three studios, mirrors and changing rooms. The center offers group exercise classes taught by fitness specialists for a variety of cardiovascular workouts. Class

Academic Programs

Florida Tech is approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to offer courses and degree programs at the Patuxent Site. These programs have been approved for payment of veterans' benefits to qualified students under authority of Subchapter 1775, Chapter 36, Title 38, United States Code, Veterans' Benefits Support. For additional information, e-mail to patuxent@fit.edu or visit the school's Web site at <http://uc.fit.edu/es/patuxent>.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

phone: 301-863-8776, fax: 301-863-7046

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit, coeducational university with a history dating to the early days of aviation. The university serves culturally diverse adult students motivated toward careers in aviation/aerospace, logistics, management, and safety. We have been at the NAS Patuxent River site since 1978. We are part of an extensive network of many extended campuses throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University serves civilian and military working adults in a non-traditional setting.

To accommodate the schedule of working adults, courses are offered during the evening hours and on Saturday mornings. Undergraduate courses are offered five times a year for nine weeks and graduate courses are offered four times a year for 10 weeks.

The Patuxent River Campus offers the following programs: Bachelor of Science in Aviation Maintenance Management, Associate/Bachelor Degrees in Professional Aeronautics and Technical Management, with minors in Management, Logistics, and Safety. The university offers a Masters in Aeronautical Science with specialties in Aeronautics, Management, Safety, and Operations. In addition, the Master of Science in Management is offered on-line through the Distance Learning Program. Also, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers certificate programs in Logistics, Safety, Supply Chain Management and Aviation Maintenance Technology.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. All academic and certificate programs at the Patuxent River Campus have been approved by the U.S. and Maryland Department of Veterans' Affairs for veteran training.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is located at

21795B North Shangri-La Drive in Lexington Park and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Closed for federal holidays.) Contact the main office at 301-863-8776 or fax 301-863-7046 for more information. Visit <http://www.erau.edu/patuxentriver> or e-mail: patuxent.river.center@erau.edu

Southern Maryland Higher Education Center (SMHEC)

301-737-2500

SMHEC is a large and comprehensive higher education complex offering distinguished university degree programs, conferences, training programs, showcase programs, luncheons and special event programs. Created by the state in 1995 as a regional center for higher education, SMHEC now hosts over 90 academic programs, including 47 master's degrees, four doctorates, 16 bachelor completion programs, and 25 graduate certificates and education certification programs. Master's degree programs are in engineering, education, management, strategic communication, and social work.

The 60,000 square foot facility is located on a 24 acre campus and includes 35 high-tech classrooms, four meeting rooms, a conference hall, and two conference rooms. In the last year, 272 academic seminars were presented with 3,013 class enrollments. Also, 818 training, conference, special event, and public service programs were held with 34,415 individuals in attendance for a total of 73,000 person days. Of these 661 were Navair programs with 13,644 individuals attending for 50,546 person days. SMHEC continues to serve Patuxent NAS extensively as a site for training.

The 90 plus academic programs are offered on-site in their entirety by 11 of the most distinguished universities in the Mid-Atlantic Region ranging from Johns Hopkins University to the University of Maryland at College Park, George Washington University, Towson University, and the Catholic University of America.

Located in two modern hi-tech buildings designed for graduate and technology education, and specifically to meet the education needs in engineering and management for Pax NAS, SMHEC is located just six miles north of the Naval Air Station. The SMHEC campus is within the Wildewood Technology and Professional Park, on Airport Road. For additional information about degree program admissions, call 301-737-2500 or visit the SMHEC Web site at www.smhec.org. Approved degree programs at SMHEC include:

Academic Programs

Johns Hopkins University (at SMHEC)

Johns Hopkins University has master's degree programs offered in Systems Engineering and Technical Management, in School Counseling, Clinical Community Counseling, and a Master of Business administration in an accelerated format. Also offered are a Graduate Certificate in the Education of Students with Autism, and Post-Masters Certificates in Clinical Community Counseling, Organizational Counseling, and Counseling At-Risk Youth.

University of Maryland College Park (at SMHEC)

UMCP presents eight master's degrees in Engineering, and nine graduate certificates in Engineering. Offered is the Professional Masters of Engineering with Options in Mechanical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Reliability Engineering, Systems Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Project Management. Four course Graduate Certificates in Engineering are offered in all these options in Aerospace Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering (Energy and the Environment Core), Reliability Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Project Management, plus Software Engineering.

Old Dominion University (at SMHEC)

The School of Engineering offers an M.S. in Engineering in Modeling and Simulation, and a Master of Engineering in Modeling and Simulation, with the M.S. degree requiring a thesis. A Master of Engineering Management is also offered. Also offered are a B.S. in General Engineering Technology, a B.S. in Civil Engineering Technology, a B.S. in Electrical Engineering Technology, and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology, which are offered as upper level Bachelor completion degrees.

Capitol College (at SMHEC)

Three Bachelor completion degree programs are offered, including a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, a B.S. in Computer Engineering and a B.S. in Computer Science. These are offered as upper level Bachelor completion degrees. A fourth Bachelor completion degree program is in process at press time for a B.S. in Astronautical Engineering with a specialization in Aeronautical Engineering.

Towson State University (at SMHEC)

Degree programs in education and human resource development are offered, including an M.A. in Teaching with tracks in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, and Secondary Education; a Master of Education in Reading; and a Master of Education in Early Childhood Education. They also offer an M.S. in Human Resource Development with both an Educational Leadership Track, and a General Track. Also offered is a Post Masters Certification in Administration and Supervision.

Catholic University of America (at SMHEC)

The Catholic University of America offers a Master of Social Work and an M.A. in Special Education that is a two-year program with internships in the tri-county schools.

College of Notre Dame of Maryland (at SMHEC)

The College of Notre Dame of Maryland offers Master's degree programs in management, strategic communication and education. The M.A. in Management has concentrations in Financial Management, Marketing Management, Information Systems, Health Care Administration, Human Resource Management, and Project Management. A Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership for Changing Populations is also available.

An M.A. in Teaching prepares graduates for initial teaching positions and includes Certification in Early Childhood Education, Elementary or Secondary Education. A separate ACT program offers accelerated certification without the need to complete a Master's degree. An M.A. in Leadership in Teaching offers concentrations in: Administration and Supervision; Special Education; Reading Specialist; Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages; and Library Media. Graduate Certification Programs are also offered in these concentration subjects. A Post Masters Certificate of Advanced Study in Education in Instructional Leadership (CASE) is also available.

Coppin State University (at SMHEC)

A Bachelors Degree completion program in Criminal Justice is offered by Coppin State University and prepares recipients for advanced study and/or entry into federal, state, county, municipal, and private criminal justice and law enforcement agencies.

George Washington University (at SMHEC)

Two Doctorates of Science or Ph.D. degrees in

Academic Programs

Engineering Systems or Engineering Management are offered by the George Washington University (GWU) School of Engineering and Applied Science. After completing ten required courses and passing the doctoral qualifying examination, the students write an original dissertation in either Systems Engineering or Engineering Management. At press time a new Executive Leadership Doctoral program from a different school at GWU is in process.

Gratz College (at SMHEC)

An M.A. in Education with a Concentration in Instruction is offered in a double weekend format for each three credit course in Fall and Spring, and in a one-week full day format in the Summer semester.

University of Maryland University College (at SMHEC)

A Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Management is offered, plus a B.S. degree in Business Administration and a B.S. in Management Studies. These are Bachelor's completion programs offering the two years of upper-level courses on-site at SMHEC.

College of Southern Maryland

301-934-2251, 240-725-5300

The fifth largest community college in the state, the College of Southern Maryland is a thriving regional college committed to affordable tuition, workforce development and cultural enrichment. An open-door, public institution, CSM helps individuals attain their educational goals at locations in La Plata, Leonardtown, Lexington Park, Prince Frederick and Waldorf.

Located in the heart of historic Leonardtown, the Leonardtown Campus has seen a 50 percent increase in student enrollment since fall 1995 with 2,004 students attending in Fall 2005. The campus consists of three buildings, which provide science labs including advanced technology, electronics, chemistry, physics, biology, microbiology/anatomy and physiology as well as a wellness center and auditorium available for student and community use.

Leonardtown's facilities provide space for CSM to further develop its articulation programs with the St. Mary's County public school system, as well as centralize the college's course offerings. Building features include classrooms and specialized rooms for computer graphics and telecommunications. New programs at the Leonardtown Campus include CSM's Information Services Technology: Wireless

Communications Degree Pathway and the MCSE Server 2003, one of the most widely recognized technical certifications in the industry. Other continuing education course additions at the Leonardtown Campus feature an expanded Kids' and Teens' College and a new series of Adult PLUS classes. With more than 50 summer enrichment offerings, the Kids' and Teens' College programs allow children to design an entire day specific to their interests in a fun, active, learning environment. Kids' College also includes extended day care options for working parents. Adult PLUS classes enable active adults to enrich their lives with quality, convenient and affordable personal enrichment programs through luncheon lectures and various classes. Driver education training is also provided at the Leonardtown campus.

One of every two credit students attending CSM plans to transfer and pursue a bachelor's degree. CSM offers an array of associate's degree programs and brokers four-year degree programs locally through partnerships with colleges and universities. Local to the St. Mary's community are articulated bachelor's degree programs in business administration with the University of Baltimore and computer science with St. Mary's College of Maryland.

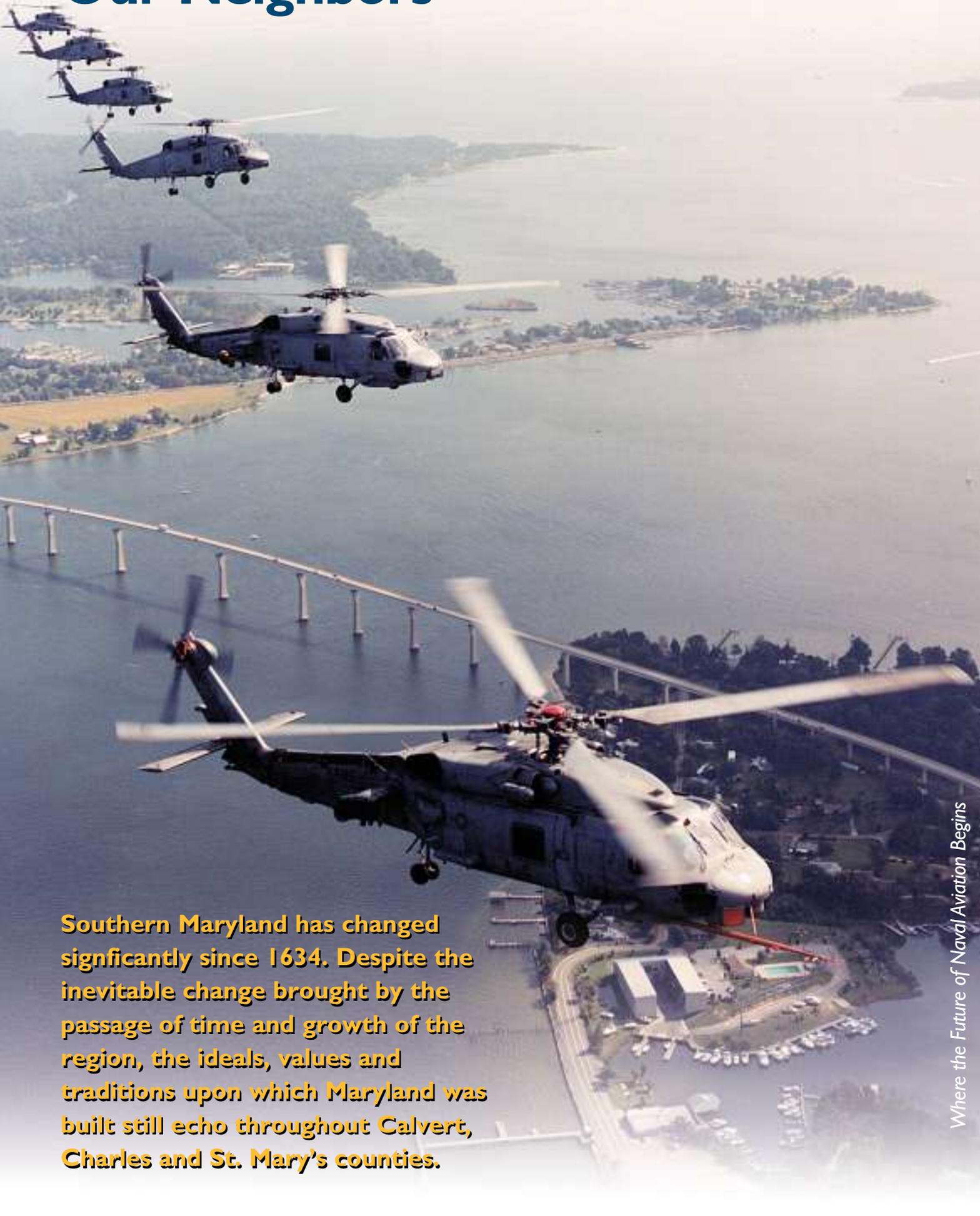
For eight of the last 10 years, CSM has remained one of the top three community colleges in Maryland for its four-year graduation and transfer rates among first-time, full-time entering freshmen classes.

With more than 21,000 students, CSM is growing to meet the community's needs. The college has recently dedicated the 10,000-square-foot St. Charles Children's Learning Center and an expanded Physical Education Center at the La Plata campus. The flagship building at the new Prince Frederick campus opened in fall 2005, and renovations of the Wellness Center at Leonardtown are in the planning stages.

CSM facilitates work force development and a strong connection to the region's business community through its Corporate and Community Training Institute. CCTI demonstrates a history of addressing the specialized needs of the local business community. The Lexington Park Training Center is ideally located outside the Patuxent River Naval Air Station on Shangri-La Drive and offers programs for local businesses and individuals who are in need of professional, convenient and reasonably priced training. Various training options are conveniently delivered in ways to fit anyone's busy schedule, and can be tailored to meet specific business performance needs.

For information about programs at the Leonardtown Campus, call 240-725-5300 or visit www.csmd.edu.

Our Neighbors



Southern Maryland has changed significantly since 1634. Despite the inevitable change brought by the passage of time and growth of the region, the ideals, values and traditions upon which Maryland was built still echo throughout Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

Our Neighbors

When you first arrive in Southern Maryland you might be surprised at the strong sense of history that surrounds you. Wherever you go you'll find more than monuments - you'll feel a presence, a proud identity with the birth of American independence. Give yourself time. You can't see it all in a day. With time and a little patience, you'll discover what is one of the most exciting places in the world.

Ours is a cornucopia of recreational, cultural and travel opportunities within many different areas. Explore the rich history and strong sense of heritage. Discover what so many have come to find as a state and a region with something for everyone.

The story of the great state of Maryland began in Southern Maryland when the first 140 settlers arrived at St. Clement's Island March 25, 1634. They came with a sacred purpose - to build a new society founded on the principles of religious tolerance, separation of church and state, equal justice and representative government - revolutionary ideas in their time. Their principles took root and flourished in the land they called Maryland and became an enduring legacy of freedom to the generations of Americans who would follow. These first Maryland settlers established a permanent colony at St. Mary's City. St. Mary's County, site of Naval Air Station Patuxent River, was established in 1637, Calvert County in 1654 and Charles County in 1658.

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There is a pleasant surprise waiting for you in Southern Maryland today - a beautiful land nestled between the Potomac River and the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The region, home to a quarter of a million people, is made up of 1,000 square miles of land captured within 700 miles of pristine shoreline.

Southern Maryland has so very much to offer its residents and guests. If you care to step back in time, embark for St. Clement's Island, the landing site of those first Maryland colonists, or tour Historic St. Mary's City, England's fourth permanent settlement in America and Maryland's first capital. Tour the home of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, who set the broken leg of John Wilkes Booth, President Lincoln's assassin, or stroll through the region's beautiful manor homes such as Sotterley Mansion, built in 1717, or Smallwood's Retreat, home of Revolutionary War General William Smallwood. Attend worship services at one of the region's historical churches such as St.

Francis Xavier in Newtown, St. Ignatius Church at Chapel Point, or Middleham Church, in the oldest cruciform designed church in Maryland.

Explore the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, just minutes from Naval Recreation Center Solomons, and learn more about southern Maryland's maritime history and pre-history, when ancient seas covered the entire region. Roam the site of Port Tobacco, an important center for the colony's tobacco trade near La Plata, or discover the tools of American Indians who settled Maryland thousands of years before the first Europeans arrived, at the Jefferson Patterson Park and St. Clement's Island-Potomac Museum.

If you long for the serenity of sailing, set a course for the Chesapeake Bay, the Potomac, or the Patuxent rivers.

If you enjoy the challenge of fishing, cast your line into southern Maryland's water and land a catch of rockfish, white perch, pike, large mouth bass or flounder. Dangle your bait from a local pier and net a bushel of crabs, or go out with one of our charter boat captains and pull in the famous rockfish or "big blues."

If you search for an adventure of the mind, enter the realm of the towering bald cypress trees at Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary near Prince Frederick, or hike to the majestic Calvert Cliffs, one of the richest deposits of marine fossils in the Eastern United States. Watch a dazzling show of precision flying and aerial acrobatics at the Air Expo held every other year at Naval Air Station Patuxent River.

If you dream of savoring a "taste of southern Maryland," attend the annual St. Mary's County Oyster Festival at the county fairgrounds, visit the lively open-air cafes on Solomons Island, take your family to a crab feast at Popes Creek, or try a traditional Southern Maryland dish like stuffed ham, oysters or spicy crab soup at one of our many fine restaurants.

Southern Maryland's hospitality may be found in abundance throughout Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties. Welcome to Southern Maryland.

St. Mary's County

On March 25, 1634, 140 English settlers landed their two small ships, the Dove and the Ark, near a small island they sighted as they sailed up the Potomac River. Led by Governor Leonard Calvert, the land was taken in possession in the name of his brother, Lord Baltimore. Father Andrew White offered the first Roman Catholic mass in the English Colony.

The tiny frontier village these men and women established was named St. Mary's. The Catholic Calverts

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Children enjoying the St. Mary's County Fair

began the settlement, which later became capital of the area, on deeply seated principles of religious toleration between Catholics and Protestants. This policy, formally adopted in 1649 with the passage of the Toleration Act, set the standard for many of the colonies and eventually for the U.S. Constitution.

In 1695 the capital of Maryland was moved to Annapolis. St. Mary's, which had boomed as the seat of government, became farmland. Today, archeological digs are common to discover more of the natural as well as social history of the area.

During the Revolutionary War, the men of St. Mary's County played an active role in many battles. Point Lookout served as an observation point to watch British activities in the Chesapeake Bay during the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The area was such a detriment to the British effort that during both wars British warships bombarded the coastline, forcing colonists to flee. During the latter part of the War of 1812, the British captured Point Lookout and used the area as a supply base for the invasion of Washington and the attempted capture of Baltimore.

Maryland remained a Union state during the Civil War. The Union Army established a hospital and a prison camp at Point Lookout. More than 52,000 Confederate prisoners of war were held during the war.

St. Mary's County suffered during the Depression along with the rest of the country. The self-sufficiency of the area allowed St. Mary's to fair slightly better than most other urban areas.

For more information on things to see and do

in St. Mary's County, please visit www.co.saint-marys.md.us/ or call 1-800-327-9023.

Things to See and Do

Maritime Heritage Festival

Set at picturesque St. Mary's City, this June event allows you explore 17th century ships, trade and travel through hands-on activities.

Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival

This July event will have you enjoying an intimate evening of jazz music while you relax riverside on the grounds of the St. Clement's Island Museum.

"Li'L' Margaret's Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival

This fun for the whole family event is held in August each year at the Goddard Family Farm in Leonardtown, and features bluegrass, old time country music and home cooked food.

St. Mary's County Fair

Come celebrate St. Mary's rural life and heritage at the annual fair held in September at the fairgrounds in Leonardtown. www.somd.com/smcfair.

Ghosts of Sotterley

Sotterley Plantation's past occupants come to pay a visit each year in October. www.sotterley.org.

40th Annual Blessing of the Fleet

St. Clement's Island hosts this two-day event which offers entertainment, food, crafts and more. The boat parade and blessing are favorite highlights.

Southern Maryland Farm Life Festival

The Parlett Farm in Charlotte Hall hosts this event in October that has over 60,000 square feet of indoor exhibits. www.christmasinaprilsmc.org.

Grand Militia Muster

Expect color competition and pageantry when the militia marches into St. Mary's City. www.stmaryscity.org.

St. Mary's County Oyster Festival

Held the third weekend in October at the fairgrounds in Leonardtown, this event features the National Oyster Cook-off and National Shucking Championship.

Our Neighbors

Annual Veterans Day Parade

The annual Veterans Day Parade is held on Nov. 11 in historic downtown Leonardtown followed by a memorial ceremony and wreath pacing at the war monuments in the Town Square.

Christmas on the Square & Annual Tree Lighting

Holiday Entertainment featuring Santa's parade and lighting the town tree happen on the square in Leonardtown in late November.

Historic St. Mary's City 1-800-SMC-1634 or 240-895-4990

Historic St. Mary's City is a museum of history and archaeology that celebrates Maryland's first capital and the birthplace of religious freedom in British North America. Recreated structures in the town center, a tobacco plantation, an Indian hamlet, a tall ship, and costumed interpreters show visitors how the colonists lived. An exhibit in the Visitor Center describes Maryland's founding through artifacts found during more than a quarter-century of excavations at the site—St. Mary's City is one of the finest 17th-century archaeology sites in the United States. Informative signs are located throughout the grounds and an audio tour is available to rent.

Special events held throughout the year provide unique opportunities for visitors to work alongside archaeologists, explore the life ways and culture of the region's Native American peoples, and discover various facets of the colonial experience in Tidewater Maryland.

Historic St. Mary's City hours are seasonal, please contact the museum for details. www.stmaryscity.org.

Piney Point Lighthouse, Museum and Historic Park 301-769-2222

Piney Point Lighthouse, the first permanent lighthouse constructed on the Potomac River, is the only one still in its original location accessible to the public in Southern Maryland. This six-acre park offers picnic areas and boardwalk with information on site history.

Point Lookout State Park, Lighthouse and Civil War Museum 301-872-5688

Point Lookout State Park is located at the confluence of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. During

the Civil War, the area of Point Lookout State Park was used as a hospital and prisoner-of-war camp. A federal and a state monument honor the more than 3,000 Confederate soldiers who died in the camp. Along with its historical displays, Point Lookout is also a great place for swimming, fishing, boating and camping.

Sotterley Plantation 301-373-2280

Sotterley Plantation, located on the banks of the Patuxent River, is an 18th century tidewater plantation. The plantation includes the Manor House, which is considered the most important example of tidewater post-in-ground architecture in the nation, several outbuildings and gardens. www.sotterley.org.

St. Clement's Island – Potomac River Museum 301-769-2222

English settlers landed at St. Clement's Island on the Ark and the Dove March 25, 1634. Located on the mainland overlooking the island, the Potomac River Museum traces this historic journey.

Cecil's Old Mill 301-994-1510

Cecil's Mill was originally built as a cotton/textile factory then rebuilt into a grist and saw mill. The mill is now operated as a historic site and merchant shop where local artisans display handmade crafts and original art for sale.

Tudor Hall 301-475-2467

Historic Tudor Hall, circa 1756, houses a bookstore, research library, and historic gardens. Records and material collected by the St. Mary's County Historical Society are also stored in the Research Center at Tudor Hall.

Historic Leonardtown

Leonardtown is the county seat for St. Mary's County. Leonardtown is also home to the St. Mary's County Courthouse and is the center of government for St. Mary's County. www.somd.com/leonardtown.

St. George's Episcopal Church 301-994-0585

On the National Register of Historic Places, St. George's Episcopal Church houses the oldest Parish in Maryland.

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Patuxent River Naval Air Museum **301-863-7418**

The Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, an official Navy Museum, is dedicated to telling the extraordinary story of the U.S. Navy's aviation research, development, testing and evaluation since 1911, and in particular since World War II.

The museum is a culmination of the vision and hard work of many Navy officials (civilian and military), local military organizations, county commissioners, community groups and aircraft company representatives who began the quest for this museum in 1974. Their dream was to preserve the history, describe the present, and project the future of Naval Aviation test and evaluation at Patuxent River.

The museum is one of 11 Navy museums in the country approved by the Secretary of the Navy. As a naval education facility, PRNAM is charged with preserving the heritage and interpreting the history of the science and technology of naval aviation by collecting, preserving and communicating that history to Navy service members and the public. The museum features interactive and hands-on displays that provide an understanding of the technical processes involved in naval aviation research, development, test & evaluation.

Among the exhibits is 'The Great Model Collection,' some 1,300 aircraft models, including 18 wind tunnel test models such as the Convair XF2Y Sea Dart and the Grumman F9F Panther. Also exhibited is the history of flight helmet development, seven ejection seats, seven aircraft engines and the infamous 'rubber airplane,' the Goodyear Inflatoplane. The Ex-Drone and the Pioneer, two contemporary unmanned aerial vehicle types used for reconnaissance during Operation Desert Storm and in Bosnia, are on display. Visitors can inspect and handle flight controls while seated in the procedures training cockpits of a McDonald Douglas F-4 Phantom II or a Vought A-7 Corsair II.

Outside, on static display, are 17 aircraft that may be viewed up close. These aircraft represent types tested at Pax River, and in some cases are actual test aircraft retired from service. Aircraft include the A-4 Skyhawk, RA-5C Vigilante, A-7 Corsair II, E-2B Hawkeye, F-6 Skyray, F-4 Phantom II, TH-1L Iroquois, H-53 Sea Stallion, S-2D Tracker, T-39D Sabreliner, A-6E Intruder, F/A-18 Hornet, AH-1J Seacobra, F-14A Tomcat, SH-2G Seasprite and the Lockheed Martin X-35C Joint Strike Fighter concept demonstrator.

Admission and parking are free. The museum is locat-

ed on the northeast corner of NAS Patuxent River Gate 1 and MD Route 235. It is open six days a week from Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. This schedule is year-round except for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days. The museum gift shop is open during the same hours. Tours, meetings, reenlistment and retirement ceremonies may be scheduled by appointment. For information on joining the PRNAM Association, volunteering your time or scheduling events, call 301-863-7418. Visit the museum's Web site at <http://www.paxmuseum.com>.

Charles County

More than 335 years of history await you in Charles County. When Captain John Smith sailed up the Potomac River in 1608, he drew a map including the Indian Village of Potopaco, which later became popularly known as Port Tobacco. A major seaport from which tobacco was exported to Europe, Port Tobacco was colonized by the English and became one of the foremost settlements for miles around.

Settlements grew May 10, 1658, and Charles County was established. Reminders of these early days endure, as do remnants of our later history, which have been restored to their days of simpler living.

With 150 miles of shoreline, Charles County is a mecca for boat owners as well as fishermen and seafood lovers. Travelers stop here annually to fish, crab, swim, boat, camp and water ski. White perch, largemouth bass, yellow perch, catfish, spot and rockfish abound in our waters. Nature lovers will be captivated by the natural beauty of our many parks and forests.

Charles County is 18 miles south of the Nation's Capital. Visitors can enjoy day trips to Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Annapolis, Richmond and Williamsburg easily from Charles County. For more information, call the Charles County Community Services Tourism Division at (800) SO.MD.FUN or 301-645-0558. www.explorecharlescomd.com.

Things to See and Do

African-American Heritage Society **301-843-0371**

The African-American Heritage Museum depicts the life, history and contributions of African-American citizens from Charles County and Southern Maryland from 1658 to present.

Our Neighbors

Dr. Mudd House
301-645-6870; 301-274-9358

Dr. Mudd's house is where John Wilkes Booth went to have his broken leg set after he fatally shot President Lincoln in 1865. Guided tours and a gift shop are available.

**American Indian Cultural Center /
 Piscataway Indian Museum**
301-782-2224

This museum educates visitors on the lives of Native Americans before European contact through exhibits reflecting their lives, arts and culture. The center also hosts an annual Pow-Wow.

**Mount Carmel
 Monastery**
301-934-1654

Established in 1790, Mount Carmel Monastery was the first monastery for women in Colonial America. Visitors may tour two of the original convent buildings.

**Port Tobacco
 Courthouse**
301-934-4313

Settled in 1634, Port Tobacco was at one time Maryland's second largest seaport. The Port Tobacco Courthouse is a reconstruction of the third structure that was built, and is furnished as a 19th century courtroom.

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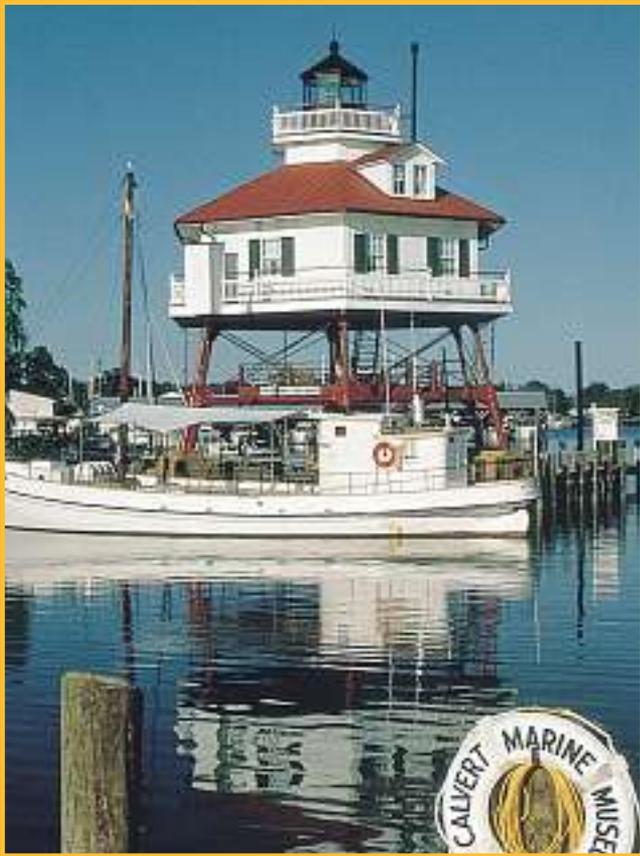
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Drum Point Lighthouse

Port Tobacco One-Room School House 301-932-6064 or 301-934-8836

The Port Tobacco One-Room School House served Port Tobacco community from when it was built in 1876 until 1953. The school house has been restored and is furnished with items from its early years.

Smallwood State Park and Smallwood Retreat 301-743-7613

The 630-acre recreational area includes the restored home of Revolutionary War hero General William

Smallwood and Sweden Point Marina with boat launching facilities. Picnicking and hiking are available.

St. Ignatius Church and Thomas Manor House 301-934-8245

Rev. Andrew White, who accompanied Catholic settlers to Maryland in 1934, founded St. Ignatius in 1641. St. Ignatius is the nation's oldest active parish with a continual pastorate. The church commands a majestic view of the Port Tobacco River from Chapel Point.

Thomas Stone National Historic Site 301-392-1776

This plantation, called Habre de Venture, was owned by Thomas Stone, a well-respected lawyer who voted for and signed the Declaration of Independence. Stone and his wife are buried on site. Self-guided hiking and birding trails are available at the site.

Zekiah Swamp

The 20-mile long, three-fourth-mile-wide wooded bottomland swamp originates near Cedarville Natural Resource Center, and flows through the county to the main headwaters of the Wicomico River.

Christ Church, William and Mary Parish 301-259-4327

William and Mary Parish dates from the 1692 Act of the Maryland General Assembly establishing Protestant parishes throughout the state. The church still uses its Queen Anne communion silver today.

Calvert County

Calvert County's earliest settlers were members of the Piscataway nation. Native tribes established villages along the Patuxent River where they grew corn and tobacco on rich farmlands.

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Captain John Smith is the first European known to have seen the peninsula. In 1608 during his exploration of the Chesapeake Bay, he wrote, it was "a fruitful and delightful land...amply populated with wolves, bears, deer and other wild beasts as well as generally friendly natives."

Calvert County was established July 3, 1654 by Lord Baltimore and was closely tied to political activities in England. When the Puritans were driven out of Virginia, some of them, under the leadership of Richard Preston, settled in Calvert County. His home was the site of the first assembly held in Maryland. Here in 1655, an armed band of Governor Stone's men from St. Mary's took the Puritans by surprise and seized papers and documents that had been taken from St. Mary's by the Puritans. The Great Seal of Maryland was lost in this raid and has never been recovered. It is believed to be buried in the garden or hidden in the walls of the old house.

The time between the Revolutionary War and the Second War with England in 1812 was a time of uneventful growth in Calvert County. The plantation system developed, and much of the cultural, social and political life of the county was tied to this structure. In 1914 one of the most famous naval engagements in

Maryland history took place in the Patuxent River. During this time, the British put ashore many raiding parties that pillaged, burned and destroyed many of the old plantation homes, tobacco warehouses and public buildings, including the courthouse. When the Civil War erupted, Calvert County was inclined to side with the southerners. At the end of the war, profound changes touched the county way of life, bringing almost to a standstill the agricultural practices which had provided a gracious living for the landowners. It was then that the economy of the county turned to the produce of the water. In 1865 Captain Isaac Solomon established a commercial fishery and cannery in the southernmost part of the county on an underdeveloped island, which immediately became known as Solomons Island.

The quiet life of Calvert County continued into the 20th century, disrupted by the outbreak of the First World War in which many county men were lost. The period following World War I saw growth and improvements within the county. The Second World War brought a real turning point in Calvert County history, when Solomons became a training site for the Navy and Marines.

Growth and change has followed and the county looks to the future with confidence. www.ecalvert.com/content/tourism/.



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Things to See and Do

The Academy of Natural Sciences' Estuarine Research Center 410-586-9700

For more than 30 years, the academy has explored the interrelationships between aquatic ecosystems and human activities on the Patuxent River. Located on the grounds of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, the facility includes County BayScapes landscapes and changing art exhibits.

American Chestnut Land Trust www.actweb.org

Nature trails run throughout the watershed of Parker's Creek and Governor's Run which features organized bird, flower and tree hikes. An experimental chestnut arboretum and historic structures are also on site.

Anmarie Garden 410-326-4640

Located on St. John's Creek, three miles north of Solomons, this is a world-class sculpture garden in the

making. Contemporary sculpture and the natural landscape contribute to reflection and the appreciation of art and nature.

Battle Creek Cypress Swamp Sanctuary 410-535-5327

This 100-acre nature sanctuary contains the northernmost naturally occurring stand of bald cypress trees. There is an elevated boardwalk through the swamp and a nature center with natural history exhibits.

Breezy Point Beach and Campground 410-535-0259

A bay-front park featuring swimming, fishing, picnicking and camping. Breezy Point is the perfect getaway to spend the day exploring the beach and hunting for fossils.

Calvert Cliffs State Park 301-743-7613 ext. 208

A hike through the park's 1,400 wooded acres ends at the Calvert Cliffs where visitors may hunt for fossils. The park is ideal for hiking, fishing and picnicking.

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