

Miramar CLF Report October 2008

The Community Leaders Forum met October 16 2008 in the Commanding Officers Conference Room. The subject was a discussion of the preparation needed put on the annual Miramar Air Show.

Miramar officials begin preparations for the annual Miramar Air Show over a year in advance. A Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) is developed and is an indispensable tool to ensure nothing falls through the crack. Putting on an air show is certainly no small task. Visitors number between 500,000 and 1,000,000 people. Parking, vehicle flow, logistics, performers availability, all need to be planned for and managed. The POA&M for the 2008 air show had 196 milestones that needed to be accomplished.

A few examples of the milestones began as early as July 07 for the October 08 air show. The dates had to be established, which required interfacing with performer availability, such as the Blue Angles. The air show must be approved by the Department of Defense. That occurred in July of last year. The air show theme and schedule of performers was in place by Nov 07. The performers list was finalized in December.

In January of 08, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) went out to potential contractors to provide carts, bleachers, tents, etc. The traffic flow and plan was developed in April of 08. FAA waiver for the flight maneuvers was finalized also in April. Also in April the poster and T-shirt designs were finalized, and the MAGTF coordination was planned. The contract for portable toilets and hand washing stations was also signed in April. All environmental coordination was completed this month.

In May, the invitation letter to local principals was drafted and mailed. On-base occupants plan for shut down during the air show was completed in May.

In June, Montgomery field was notified that they needed to be closed during the air show. Naval Air Station North Island was informed that during the air show, North Island would serve as the primary divert for military aircraft. Details as small as filling 6,500 sand bags was required.

The following are some amazing facts regarding the 2008 Miramar Show:

Manpower required: 48 Officers, 1,251 Enlisted & 517 Civilian

Revenue Generated: \$1.2 Million. This money goes to the Recreation and Family Welfare Program.

Number of schools invited: 70 in the Southern CA area

Number of tickets given to schools: 1,363

Number of portable toilets: 380, including 40 handicap

Number of trash cans & recycle containers: 300 each

Number of barriers for traffic control: 500

Number of 55-gallon drums: 500 (for fence line and flight line)

Certainly anyone who attended the air show was impressed by the flight maneuvers overhead, and if they looked around, they would have noticed the impressive organization that went into hosting nearly a million people to an operating military base during wartime with all the security issues that entails. Personally, I think the Marines really know how to put on an air show.

Lastly, the assistant base operations officer discussed noise complaints for the months of July, August and September. Most of you are probably familiar with the aircraft flight tracks that affect Rancho Bernardo. They are the "Julian" jet instrument departure track and the "I-15" Helicopter route. Between these two routes, RB residents experienced aircraft over flights numbering 3,665 total for the three months. During that three-month period, Rancho Bernardo residents filed four (4) noise complaints with the base.

The next meeting for the CLF will either be November 13 or 20, yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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