

Miramar Community Leaders Forum  
May 21, 2009

The MCAS Miramar Community Leaders Forum was held on board the air station at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21. This month we were introduced to the new SgtMaj of the Air Station, SgtMaj Roger E Jenness, Jr. For those of you not familiar with the job of Command SgtMaj, that job is held by the senior enlisted non commissioned officer on the base. His job involves primarily looking after all things on the base that are not directly connected to the operational squadrons. He is the base CO's assistant and keeps the Commanding Officer informed on the welfare of the troops and their families. We CLF members were particularly impressed with SgtMaj Jenness. He is very well spoken and an excellent representative of Marine Corp enlisted leadership. I would hope that an opportunity exists in the near future for the SgtMaj to speak to either the Community Council or the Planning Board.

This meeting we discussed air operations for both the months of March and April. Air ops for the two-month period were down slightly from the same period a year ago. During March and April of 2008, the air wing flew 13,468 operations. During the same period this year the total was 10,672 operations. Noise complaints were down a similar percentage, reflecting the reduced flight operations.

The following provides a look at how air operations were distributed during March and April of this year:

	Total Ops	Noise Complaints
I-15 (Helicopter)	353	3
Yuma (Jet/Helo)	160	1
Beach (Helo)	84	26
Fairways (Helo)	824	3
Julian/North (Jet/Civil)	1206	2
Seawolf/West (Jet)	1008	6
LHD (Helo)	1152	0
FCLP/T&Gs	2518	2
GCA Arrivals	1103	2
Visual/Overhead	1032	1
Other (Civil/Military)	1133	4
Total	4008	50

The I-15 route can affect Rancho Bernardo. That is one of the routes that the helicopters fly from Miramar to reach Camp Pendleton operating area. The Beach and Fairways routes are helicopter routes that depart from Miramar to the west. These often generate noise complaints from citizens who live near the beach. The Seawolf is the westerly jet departure from Miramar. The remaining categories all involve operations on the air

station or arrivals to the air station. As you can see, most citizen complaints come from communities that are near the westerly helicopter routes.

In case you are interested, here is a list of noise complaints by community for the two-month period of March and April of this year:

Del Mar	14
Tierrasanta	1
University City	4
Mira Mesa/Miramar	1
Rancho Bernardo	0
Carmel Valley	18
Lakeside	1
Escondido	1
Kearney Mesa	2
Rancho Santa Fe	0
Encinitas	0
Fallbrook	0
Chula Vista	0
Scripps Ranch	0
Sorrento Valley	1
Rancho Penasquitos	3
La Mesa	0
La Jolla	1
Sabre Springs	0
San Marcos	0
Santee	0
Torrey Pines	1
Alpine	0
Clairemont	0
Ramona	0
Poway	0
Other/Unknown	2
Total	50

It is interesting that 31 of these 50 complaints came from just two frequent callers.

The next planned CLF meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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