

**Miramar Community Leaders Forum  
Notes from March 20, 2008 meeting.**

**I had to miss the March 20 meeting at Miramar due to a long overdue vacation celebrating my wife's recent retirement. However, the Miramar Command Staff was kind enough to provide me with information and statistics from that meeting.**

**The primary presentation at this meeting was from the Environmental Department Staff. Speakers were Gregory Clune, JoEllen Kassebaum and Dr. Chuck Black. The subject was the Vernal Pools at Miramar.**

**Many people do not realize that a couple of our military bases are environmental homes for threatened and endangered species. This is partly due to the vast acreages on Miramar and Camp Pendleton as well as the military's commitment to preserving the environment.**

**MCAS Miramar is home to the Riverside Fairy Shrimp, the San Diego Fairy Shrimp, the San Diego Button Celery, the California Orcutt Grass, the San Diego Mesa Mint and the Spreading Navarretia.**

**On another subject, if you are interested in what the MCAS Miramar Public Affairs Office does: They tell the story of America's elite "Force in Readiness." They publish the base newspaper (Flight Jacket), which is printed weekly, distributing over 1200 copies of each issue.**

**The Public Affairs Office also coordinates response to queries, they publish and forward media releases and advisories and they escort civilian media personnel on the air station.**

**The Public Affairs Office supports base tours for authorized groups, coordinates support of community requests and responds to email information requests from the community.**

**The Public Affairs Office also maintains the station's web site:  
[www.miramar.usmc.mil](http://www.miramar.usmc.mil).**

**If you would like to contact the Miramar Public Affairs Office, their number is (858) 577-6000. You can also email them at [OMBpaoComRel@miramar.mil](mailto:OMBpaoComRel@miramar.mil).**

**Air Operations for the month of February, 2008 were 6,686. This is down slightly the same month a year ago where 7,454 operations were reported.**

**Noise complaints covering a total of all flight routes were also lower for February 2008 (13) compared to 16 complaints for the same month a year ago. Of those 13 noise complaints, it is interesting to note that seven of them came from one person.**

**The two flight tracks that affect Rancho Bernardo are the “Julian Departure” for jet traffic and the “I-15” route for helicopters. A combination of these two routes produced 1,219 overflights of Rancho Bernardo during the month of February. There were no noise complaints from Rancho Bernardo as a result of those overflights.**

**The next meeting of the Community Leaders Forum will take place on April 24 at 1:30 p.m. The group will be afforded a tour of the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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