



United States Navy

Naval Air Stations

Military Corner

A "Naval Air Station" is an airbase of the United States Navy. When located in foreign countries, they are often identified as US Naval Air Stations (USNAS), as the term is used by the navies of other countries. These facilities normally support smaller numbers of naval aircraft. Permanently-based naval aircraft are usually minimal, with the principal focus being on supporting naval aircraft deployed from other

installations.

As part of Naval Aviation, Marine Corps Air Stations and Marine Corps Air Facilities fill a similar role as Naval Air Stations for the United States Marine Corps. Marine aviation units are also assigned to Naval Air Stations, Naval Air Facilities and, in rare cases, to Air Force Bases and Air National Guard Bases as well. The United States Coast Guard is also part of Naval Aviation and operates its own Coast Guard Air Stations and Coast Guard Air Facilities, either as stand alone installations, or collocated at Naval Air Stations, Air Force Bases, Air National Guard Bases and Army Airfields.

The first naval air station was at Greenbury Point, at the mouth of the Severn River near Annapolis, Maryland.

There are currently 495 NAS covers listed, not counting Marine Corps.

