

2018 MCAS Miramar Air Show Security & Frequently Asked Questions

Security Measures for 2018

PERMITTED ITEMS

- Be prepared to show a Photo ID to expedite your access into the Air Show
- You can carry keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, wallet, credit cards, etc. in your pockets if you choose not to put them in a clear bag or clutch.
- You can bring binoculars and/or cameras.
- One large clear bag per person is allowed.
- Either a one-gallon Ziploc style bag, or commercially purchased clear bag – plus a small clutch for personal items.
- The larger clear bag must be made of clear PVC vinyl and is easily searched.
- Large traditional seat cushions that have pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers are not permitted. Clear seat cushions and seat pads without pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers are permitted
- While coolers/ice chests are NOT permitted, an exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at a specified lane at each gate.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- Bags, purses, totes, backpacks & other types of baggage other than bags conforming to the new Clear Bag Policy will not be permitted.
- Weapons of any kind (regardless of permit) to include but not limited to: firearms, knives (including pocket knives and multi-tools), replica or toy weapons, pepper spray, mace, stun guns, and martial arts weapons.
- Outside alcoholic beverages.
- Ice chests or coolers that are not medically required.
- Pets, other than service animals.
- Glass containers.
- Bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, (kick and electric) scooters, skateboards, or hover boards.
- No personal drones (i.e. quad or hex copters) are allowed to operate on Federal Property or airspace.
- Lasers or laser pointers.
- Federally banned substances such as illicit narcotics.

Frequently Asked Questions



Show Dates and General Info

Q: What are the dates of the Miramar Air Show?

A: The 2018 MCAS Miramar Air Show will take place September 28-30.

Q: What time is the Air Show?

A: Gates open to the public at 8 a.m. daily with the last performance ending at approximately 4 p.m.

Q: What if it rains?

A: The show goes on, rain or shine. Rain has threatened, but never cancelled our show.

Q: Will the Miramar Air Show be televised?

A: No.

Q: Is the Friday Air Show still a Military Only Day?

A: No. Since 2000, the Friday Air Show has been open to the public. There is FREE Grandstand Bleacher Seating and Seating Discounts for all other preferred seating areas for Active Duty, Retirees, Reservists and their immediate families and Miramar DoD Civilians. Click [[here](#)] for military discount ticket prices.

Q: Is ear protection recommended?

A: Yes.



Tickets & Seating

Q: How much is admission to the Air Show?

A: Admission, parking and blanket seating are FREE. “Blanket seating” means an open paved area where attendees can stand or sit on their own blankets or lawn chairs. Preferred seating areas are available with paid admission. Click here for more info on preferred seating options that range from Grandstands (Bleachers) to the Devil Dog Alley.

Q: How can I get preferred seating tickets to the Air Show?

A: Tickets will go on sale the week of June 1st 2018! Click [[here](#)] to buy your tickets.

Q: I have a DoD ID card. How many tickets can I buy for guests and/or my fellow DoD colleagues?

A: If you have a valid Department of Defense (DoD) ID card, there is no limit on the number of box and grandstand tickets you can purchase at the Ticket Office. There is a limit of 10 chalet tickets per transaction. The military discount, which is offered for Friday performance tickets, is limited to one discounted guest ticket per accompanying active duty or family member.

Q: Is there wheelchair access to all seating areas?

A: Wheelchairs can access all seating areas. Special wheelchair seating in the grandstands is

available, with paid admission, but limited to first-come, first-served. Grandstand seating is not reserved, so first-level seating cannot be guaranteed. One seat may be removed from a box of 10 seats to provide space in that area. All other seating areas are readily accessible.



Allowable and Prohibited Items

Q: Are wagons (i.e. radio Flyer) and strollers allowed?

A: Yes.

Q: Are folding/beach chairs allowed?

A: Yes. However, seat cushions with zippers or pockets will not be permitted. Clear seat cushions and seat pads without pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers are permitted.

Q: Are tents or awnings, pop-ups or shade canopies allowed, and what about umbrellas?

A: No. Only hand-held umbrellas are allowed; however, umbrellas are not authorized in the GRANDSTANDS or BOX SEATING AREAS AT ANY TIME. Please wear a hat or other comfort items in those areas that will not impact the view of the individuals behind you.

Q: Are coolers allowed into the event?

A: No. Ice chests and coolers will only be allowed for medically necessary items and after a proper inspection at a specified lane at each respective gate. Medically necessary items in coolers such as baby's milk or formula will be carefully inspected to ensure everyone's safety. Glass containers are not allowed and will be confiscated.

Q: Will outside food be allowed?

A: Yes, however coolers are not permitted, so be sure to pack snacks that do not require an ice chest or cooler. There will be plenty of food available for purchase at the show and many varieties of food types to choose from.

Q: Are water bottles allowed?

A: Yes.

Q: Will outside alcoholic beverages be allowed?

A: No. Beer, wine and limited mixed drinks will be available for purchase from Air Show vendors.

Q: Are Tailgating or BBQs allowed?

A: No. Patrons will need to leave their vehicles and view the show from the flight line. BBQs are not allowed in the parking lot or on the flight line.

Q: Are there any restrictions on bringing weapons to this event?

A: Yes. Weapons of any kind (regardless of permit) will be confiscated to include but not limited to: firearms, knives (including pocket knives and multi-tools), replica or toy weapons, pepper spray, mace, stun guns, and martial arts weapons.

Q: Are peace officers (police, sheriff's deputies, etc.) allowed to carry weapons?

A: Yes, only if they are in uniform with appropriate credentials. Off duty or plain clothes carry is not authorized.

Q: Are FRS/GMRS radios allowed?

A: FRS/GMRS radios are permitted. VHF band and other scanners are also permitted, but transmitters/transceivers are not.

Q: Will bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, skates, or Razor brand scooters be allowed on the flight line?

A: No. Bikes may be secured outside the flight line gates in a designated area near Mitscher Road.

Q: Will pets be allowed to enter the Air Show?

A: No. Only service animals will be permitted.



Smoking

Q: Is smoking allowed on the flight line?

A: Lit cigars and cigarettes are not permitted on the flight line. However, smoking is permitted north of the fence line that separates the flight line and Boyington Road.



Photography

Q: Can I bring in photography and camera equipment?

A: Photography and camera equipment are allowed. Also, in order to keep the entry lines moving along, you'll want to bring what is only absolutely needed. There is no special permission required. You also want to keep in mind that if you're in the Preferred Seating areas, you can't block the view of other patrons.

Q: Are personal drones permitted at the air show?

A: No personal drones (i.e. quad or hex copters) are allowed to operate on Federal Property or airspace.

Q: Are laptop computers or iPads allowed?

A: Yes. However, they must be in clear bag, no laptop bags or briefcase type bags will be permitted.



Amenities and Services

Q: Will wagons or strollers be available to rent?

A: No.

Q: Will an ATM (Automated Teller Machine) be available?

A: There will be ATMs available in the Air Show Expo area in Hangar 3 and on the flight line near the Grandstand and Chalet areas.

Q: What about hotels or restaurants in the area?

A: San Diego, with its many attractions and proximity to Mexico, is a major travel destination. There are many places in the area, in all price ranges. Click [[here](#)] to see a list of some local links for lodging.

Q: Is overnight camping allowed (ex: Boy or Girl Scout camping)?

A: No.

Q: Will scooters and wheelchairs be available to rent?

A: No.



Transportation & Parking

Q: Is there public transportation to the Air Show?

A: No.

Q: Can I take a Lyft or Uber to the show?

A: Yes. This year we will designate two official drop-off / pick-up zones for patrons utilizing a ridesharing service.

Q: How do I know where to park? Is there a shuttle bus?

A: As you enter the station gates, you will be directed to the next available parking lot. Shuttles are available from all parking lots.

Q: Is it possible to drop people off at the flight line entrance gates and then go park?

A: No.

Q: Will there be RV/travel trailer parking?

A: RV/Travel Trailers are allowed onto the air station; however, no overnight parking or tailgating is allowed. Click [[here](#)] for a list of local military and general RV facilities. **No** overnight parking, tailgating or viewing of the Air Show from your RV/travel trailer is allowed. All patrons will need to go to the flight line to view the show.

Q: What about riding a bike or motorcycle?

A: Please click [[here](#)] to visit our Air Show Safety page for more information.

Q: Are buses allowed? If so, where will they be directed for parking?

A: Yes, buses are allowed. Buses should enter the West Gate off Miramar Road. Click [[here](#)] to view the Parking map for directions to the West Gate from I-805 and I-15. Please keep in mind that if the bus driver leaves the station, it will be difficult to return.

Q: Is handicapped parking available? If so, where will they be directed for parking?

A: Yes, handicapped parking is available. If your vehicle has a handicapped license plate decal or windshield pass, you should enter the station through the West or North Gates off Miramar Rd. Please view the Parking Map for directions to West and North Gates from the I-805 and I-15 freeways. Handicapped parking is limited and is available on first come, first served basis.

Q. Do you have a handicap shuttle on the flight line?

A. Yes. Limited handicap shuttles are **ONLY** available between entry/exit gates on the flight line. Shuttles are not available to transport to parking areas or specific chalet/seating locations.

Q: Do you have a taxi shuttle and taxi service on the flight line?

A: Yes...

- The Taxi Shuttle takes you outside of the flight line, from the corner of Miramar Way and Mitscher Way to Pedestrian Gate 1 (reversed at the end of the Air Show). One way trip price is \$3.00 per passenger. We will have a limited service on Friday but full service on Saturday and Sunday.
- You'll also find one way trip Taxi Service (no specific route) inside of the flight line for \$5.00 per passenger. We will have a limited service on Friday but full service on Saturday and Sunday.

Q: Can I fly my own plane into Miramar?

A: No. Only pre-approved static display and performer aircraft are allowed to fly into MCAS Miramar for the show. Click [[here](#)] to learn about San Diego's many general aviation airports.



Performances

Q: What time do the Blue Angels fly during the Matinee Performances?

A: They begin at approximately 2pm. The Blue Angeles performance is approximately one hour.

Q: What is the performance schedule?

A: Performers will begin daily around 9 a.m. Because of many last-minute changes in performers and schedules, exact times are not available and the schedule is subject to change. There will be continuous aerial excitement from the start of the show until the show closes, as well as static displays, vendor booths and the Air Show Expo exhibits. For the latest list of scheduled performances, see our performers list and schedule page, click [[here](#)].



Directions

Q: How do I get to MCAS Miramar?

A: MCAS Miramar is located north of downtown San Diego between I-805 and I-15. San Diego area and MCAS Miramar entrance and parking maps are available by visiting the Miramar Air Show website. A parking map will be available for printing.



Business Opportunities

Q: I'd like to sponsor the Air Show, who do I contact?

A: There are many different sponsorship opportunities available.



Bicycle & Motorcycle Safety

Planning to beat the traffic by riding a bicycle to the Air Show? REMEMBER THE HELMET—ON OR OFF BASE!

The Miramar area is an ideal bicycle destination from many areas of San Diego, especially from the Mira Mesa area.

The Bicycle Pavilion (BP) is located near flight line Air Show Entry Gate #2. Bicyclists may enter any of the three base gates and follow bicycle traffic directional signs to the BP.

Recreational bicyclists will not be permitted to ride bicycles without approved bicycle helmets — this includes all personnel and dependents. (Only workers operating bicycles in areas that require the use of American National Standard Institute (ANSI) approved helmets for protection from falling and flying objects are allowed to use those helmets instead of approved bicycle helmets.)

All bicyclists should wear helmets and light colored clothing; however, during restricted visibility conditions such as darkness, fog or rain, reflective clothing will be worn.

Motorcyclists must wear helmets, reflective vests and long sleeves.

The National Safety Council believes that defensive driving applies to people who push bike pedals as well as to those who push gas pedals:

- Obey traffic rules. Cyclists must follow the same rules as vehicle drivers.
- Know your bike's capabilities.
- Ride in single file with traffic, not against it. Bicycling two abreast can be dangerous. Stay as far right on the pavement as possible, watching for opening car doors, sewer gratings, soft shoulders, broken glass and other debris. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead.
- Make safe turns and cross intersections with care. Signal turns half a block before the intersection, using the correct hand signals (left arm straight out for left turn; left forearm up for right turn).
- Never hitch on cars.
- Before riding into traffic, stop, look left, right, left again, and over your shoulder.
- During the day or when visibility is good, wear bright/light clothing. At night or when visibility is poor, wear reflective clothing.
- Make sure the bicycle has the right safety equipment, a red rear reflector and white front reflector; a red or colorless spoke reflector on the front wheel; pedal reflectors; a horn or bell; a light; and a rear-view mirror.

Use your head: Wear a helmet. Head injuries cause about 75 percent of all bicycling fatalities. The first body part to fly forward in a collision is usually the head, and with nothing but skin and bone to protect the brain from injury, the results can be disastrous. Look for helmets with approval stickers from Snell Foundation or American National Standards Institute (ANSI):

Certified Stamp

ASTM F1447 & ANSI Z90.4

Safety Tested Standards

It is clear that taking precautions in traffic and wearing protective equipment are a cyclist's best shields against accidents.