

# Maryland Defense Agency Profile

## Naval Air Station Patuxent River (NAS Pax River)



Naval Air Station Patuxent River  
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[Installation Website](#)

**Commanding Officer:** Captain John Brabazon  
**Command:** Naval Air Station Patuxent River  
**Branch:** U.S. Navy

Employees: 20,000 military and civilian

**History & Mission:** The Patuxent River Naval Air Station complex stretches across 25 miles of shoreline at the mouth of the Patuxent River, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. Since its commissioning April 1, 1943, the installation has progressed from being known as the east coast's Naval Air Transport Service base, testing experimental aircraft, equipment and material, into a Center of Excellence for Naval Aviation. The workforce at the air station increased nearly tenfold in the mid-1990s when a round of Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC) brought more than 20,000 military and civilian employees here as the air station it was selected to host the headquarters of Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) and Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD). In addition to NAVAIR and NAWCAD, this BRAC consolidation and integration effort also relocated more than 50 tenant activities to the air station and is now the largest employer in St. Mary's County.

The mission of the Patuxent River Naval Air station is to provide outstanding base operating report to their mission tenant commands, deliver effective and efficient installation management enabling tenants to achieve integrated warfare systems and life cycle sustainment, and to champion all tenants' readiness for research, development, testing, and evaluation, engineering and fleet support to the entire range of manned and unmanned naval aircraft, engines, avionics, aircraft support systems and ship/shore/air operations.

# Federal Facilities Profile

## Naval Air Station Patuxent River (NAS Pax River)

### Divisions and Tenants

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NAS Pax River's Major Divisions are:

- Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR)\*
- Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD)\*
- Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) I
- Scientific Development Squadron (VXS) I
- Marine Corps Aviation Detachment Patuxent River
- Navy Munitions Command CONUS East Division Detachment Patuxent

\* denotes additional separate Defense Agency Profile

NAS Pax River is also home to multiple other tenants, facilities, and capabilities such as:

- Atlantic Test Range (ATR)
- Naval Test Wing Atlantic (NTWL)
- Flight Test Engineering
- Atlantic Targets and Marine Operations (ATMO)
- Integrated Battlespace Simulations and Test (IBST)
- Joint Simulation Environment (JSE)
- National Cyber Range (NCR)
- Air Vehicle RDT&E
- Ship/Shore Air Operations and Communications
- Rapid Capability Engineering and Integration
- Avionics RDT&E
- Human System RDT&E
- Training Systems Division (TSD)
- Mission Engineering and Analysis
- Navy Data Center (NDC Pax River)
- Support Equipment and Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (SE & ALRE)

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### Offices and Contacts

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### Centers of Excellence

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#### NAVAIR:

Rotary Wing  
Fixed Wing Aircraft  
Naval Aviation

### Top 10 NAICS Codes

1. 336411 (Aircraft Manufacturing)
2. 336412 (Aircraft engine and engine parts manufacturing)
3. 336413 (Other aircraft parts and auxiliary equipment manufacturing)
4. 334511 (Search, detection, navigation, guidance, aeronautical, and nautical system and instrument manufacturing)
5. 336414 (Guided missile and space vehicle manufacturing)
6. 541712 (Research and development in the physical, engineering, and life sciences [except biotechnology])
7. 541370 (Surveying and mapping [except geophysical] services)
8. 488190 (Other support activities for air transportation)
9. 541710 (Research and development in the physical, engineering, and life sciences)
10. 334290 (Other communications equipment manufacturing)