



Air Station New Orleans  
Guardians of the Heartland  
"Mission Excellence through mentoring,  
teamwork and standardization"



# SNAPSHOT

A summary of facts and figures about Aviation in the Eighth Coast Guard District,  
New Orleans

## In an average year, Air Station New Orleans:

- Conducts 275+ search and rescue cases
- Saves 60 lives
- MEDEVACs 50 people
- Assists 150 people in distress
- Protects over \$750,000 in property
- Flies over 3,200 hours on 1,900+ missions

## Leadership

*Commanding Officer*

CDR Tina J. Pena

*Executive Officer*

CDR Brian Hopkins

*Command Master Chief*

AMTCM Travis Perryman

## Our Area of Responsibility / What We Do

Air Station New Orleans (ASNOLA) is the busiest all-helicopter SAR station in the Coast Guard. ASNOLA is assigned five MH-65D helicopters to cover an area of responsibility (AOR) extending from Apalachicola, Florida, to the Texas-Louisiana border; north to Memphis, Tennessee, and south more than 200 nautical miles offshore, including thousands of offshore oil platforms. Located on Naval Air Station/Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, ASNOLA maintains two ready crews capable of launching within 30 minutes, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in nearly all types of weather. To date, CGAS New Orleans personnel have saved more than 7000 lives.

## Air Station New Orleans Personnel

- 29 Officers
- 85 Enlisted
- 3 Civilians
- 113 : Total



## Air Station New Orleans History

- 1955 : Commissioned at old Naval Air Station on Lake Ponchartrain.
- 1957 : Moved with Navy to Alvin Callender Field (NBG) in Belle Chasse
- 1969 : First operational unit flying Sikorsky HH-3F twin engine helo
- 1980 : Rescue efforts resulted in 1,500th live saved for ASNOLA
- 1985 : First unit to fly HH-65A on operational missions
- 2000 : First unit to fly HH-65B on operational missions
- **2005 : Along with "Air Group New Orleans", unit saved over 7,100 lives** during Hurricane Katrina rescue efforts
- 2006 : First unit to perform SAR in HH-65C
- 2008 : Coordinated helicopter SAR response for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike
- 2010 : Epicenter for Coast Guard aviation response to Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

## Missions

- Search and Rescue (SAR)
- Port, Waterway, & Coastal Security (PWCS)
- Homeland Security (HLS)
- Law Enforcement (LE)
- Rotary Wing Air Intercept (RWAI)
- Marine Environmental Protection (MEP)
- Aids to Navigation (ATON)

## Aircraft

### MH-65C : *Short Range Recovery Helicopter*

- Manufacturer: American Eurocopter
- Engines: 2 Turbomeca Arriel 2C2-CG
- Ratings: 853 SHP dual / 1,058 SHP single
- Endurance (Standard/Max): 2 hrs / 3 hrs
- Range (Standard/Max): 300NM / 400NM
- Fuel Load (Standard/Max): 1,600 lbs / 1,969 lbs
- Max Gross Weight: 9,480 lbs
- Crew: 2 pilots, 1 flight mechanic, 1 rescue swimmer
- SAR Gear: Rescue Basket, Sling, Litter, EMT Kit with Oxygen, AED

## "The Guardian Ethos"

**I am America's Maritime Guardian.**

I serve the citizens of the United States.

I will protect them.

I will defend them.

I will save them.

I am their Shield.

For them I am Semper Paratus.

I live the Coast Guard Core Values.

I am a Guardian.

We are the United States Coast Guard.

## Air Station New Orleans: Mission

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## Our Strategic Objectives

- Maximize our operational readiness and employment.
- Optimize the use of our resources.
- Meet or exceed regulatory requirements.
- **Develop our people's full potential & enhance their well being.**
- Know our customers and meet their needs.
- Support and partner with the local community.

## About the Eighth Coast Guard District

The Eighth District, headquartered in New Orleans, covers 26 states throughout the Gulf Coast and heartland of America. It stretches from the Appalachian Mountains and Chattahoochee River in the east to the Rocky Mountains in the west, and from the U.S./Mexico border and the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border in North Dakota.

Part of the Department of Homeland Security, the 10,900 Active Duty, Reservist, Civilian, and Auxiliary members of the District are vital in protecting the 1,200 miles of coastline and 12,000 miles of inland navigable waterways located in their AOR.

District Eight is home to: 7 sectors, 4 air stations; 17 aircraft; 42 cutters (>65'); 15 small boat stations; 14 aids-to-navigation teams; 9 marine safety units, three vessel traffic services; and three Coast Guard Auxiliary regions: New Orleans; St. Louis, MO; and Louisville, KY.

## Units on the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base

- Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC)
- Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 204 (FA-18s)
- Navy VR-54 (C-130T)
- 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marines, 4th Marine Division
- Marine Air Group 42 (MAG-42)
- **Army's 377th Theater Support Command**
- Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans
- Louisiana Air National Guard: 159th Fighter Wing & 122nd Fighter Squadron

## About the Naval Air Station/Joint Reserve Base

The primary mission of NAS JRB New Orleans is the training of Reservists and the operational, logistical, and fiscal support for tenant commands and transient aircraft on a 24-hour basis. The base also serves as a platform for assistance with homeland security air defense through the Louisiana Air National Guard as well as search and rescue efforts for much of the Gulf Coast by Air Station New Orleans.

After Hurricane Katrina, NAS JRB became the center of the DoD rescue and recovery efforts. During the first ten days following the storm, more than 10,000 military personnel and relief workers were airlifted in NAS JRB along with over 18 million pounds of relief supplies. NAS JRB became the primary SAR airfield for flights that saved over 30,000 lives in the New Orleans area.

## Air Station New Orleans Budget FY16

• Facilities	\$145K
• Engineering	\$294K
• Support/Operations	\$212K

## Coast Guard Budget FY16

• Operating Expenses	\$6.8B
• Acquisition, Construction & Improvement	\$1.0B
• Environmental Compliance & Restoration	\$13.3M
• Reserve Training	\$110M
• R&D, Testing	\$18M
• Health Care Fund	\$159M

## Air Station New Orleans Mission Breakout

Search and Rescue	25%
Training	62%
Port, Waterway, & Coastal Security	6%
Marine Environmental Protection Support	2%
Other	4%
	1%

## Coast Guard Mission Breakout

PWCS	23%
Aids to Navigation	15%
Drug Interdiction	14%
Search and Rescue	10%
Living Marine Resources	9%
Migrant Interdiction	6%
Environmental Protection	4%
Other Law Enforcement	2%

## Web Links

[Air Station New Orleans  
www.uscg.mil/d8/airstaNOLA/](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/airstaNOLA/)  
[D8 External Affairs  
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