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NATS/MATS Naval Air Transportation Service and Military Air Transportation Service played a significant role in the history of Moffett Field. Delivering service members and supplies around the world, this strategic service was critical to the global military's readiness. Today, the 129th Rescue Squadron is the last military squadron flying out of Moffett saving lives up and down the West coast.

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NASA Starting in 1939 NASA AMES institute would conduct aerospace technology research on the Moffett Field property. In 1951, three wind tunnels were constructed that would be used to test experimental planes, spacecraft and various military aircraft. NASA would become responsible for NAS Moffett Field in 1994 after the base was officially retired.

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IN MEMORIAM Dedicated to those military members stationed at Moffett Field who lost their lives while flying in support of our nation. The names of those lost are listed along with the decorations awarded to many of those lost as well as artifacts related to some of the accidents.

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BAY 3 Contains a large assortment of airplane engines, airplane models, a history of US Marine Corps uniforms, an overview of the uniforms worn on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier along with a WWII training simulator. In addition, there is a large collection of rescue equipment used by the military, including the basket used to rescue Neil Armstrong following his landing on the moon.

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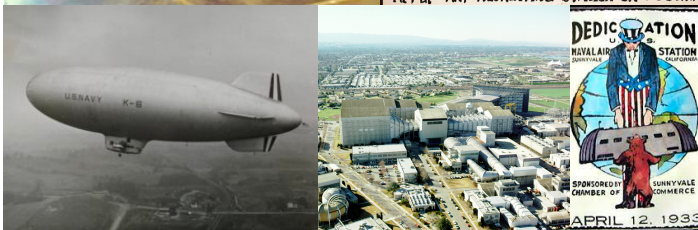
TRAIN ROOM From 1983 to 1993, sailors stationed at NAS Moffett Field built a large HO Model Railroad set. The track set spans over 200 feet, and takes the train around 10 minutes to circle. The route showcases multiple features of the Bay Area, including Fremont, Sunnyvale, and the San Jose station.

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SENIOR UNIFORMS/BALLOON BASKET The museum is filled with many uniforms from various periods. This area contains uniforms worn by senior admirals uniforms worn, many who were leaders in the Patrol community. In addition, there is a balloon basket used by Navy Lighter Than Air Pilots in the mid 40's for training. Don't miss the homing pigeon used to pass communications!

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WOMEN IN THE NAVY Women contributed significantly to the administration of Moffett Field and the overall success of the Navy. These true pioneers were dedicated to fulfilling critical roles such as yeoman, nurses, airplane mechanics, pilots and even spies that helped build the US military what it is today.



Moffett Field Museum



Visitor's Guide

Operating Hours:

Wednesday to Saturday

10am to 3pm

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THE BEGINNING Moffett Field was the land for \$476,065 from Lupe Yhigo and transferred to the Navy for \$1. The airbase, made to house the USS, Macon and belong to the Navy for 5 years.

ADMIRAL MOFFETT Admiral William A. Moffett was a WWI Hero who received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the battle of Veracruz. His vision of surveilling the Atlantic and Pacific became the blueprint for modern Naval Aviation. After he was killed in the crash of the airship USS Akron, NAS Sunnyvale was renamed in his honor.

MACON ROOM The USS Macon, was a rigid, lighter-than-air airship, constructed in April 1933 and designed to patrol the Pacific. The USS Macon served as a "flying aircraft carrier," for up to 5 Sparrowhawks used for scouting. In 1935, the USS Macon crashed into the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Monterey, CA due to strong winds. 81 of the 83 crew survived.

ARMY TRAINING BASE With the demise of the Macon, the base was transferred to the US Army in 1935, serving as a training airfield for the Army Air Corps. Over 5,000 personnel and 300 officers called Moffett their home. The military would construct several barracks known as 'splitter towns.' The base stayed occupied by the US Army Air Corps until 1942.

LIGHTER THAN AIR As the US entered WWII, the base was given back to the Navy, serving as a stopping point for naval missions into the Pacific theater. It would also see the revival of the LTA program, with the field hosting helium balloons that would fly over the Pacific to search for enemy planes and submarines.

MASTER JET BASE After WWII, the base became the Navy's west coast Master Fighter and Attack Base through the early 60's. The base was then utilized as a testing area for Navy F-4's. Due to the loud noises from the jets, the locals forced them to move to NAS Miramar and NAS Lemoore near Fresno California to continue operations there.

PATROL BASE The Lockheed P-3 Orion was the primary maritime patrol aircraft flown at Moffett Field since the early 60's. The plane was designed to locate enemy ships and submarines in the vast Pacific ocean. With a crew of up to 12, the Orion could spend over 8 hours on station prosecuting enemy vessels.

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