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Cherry Point: Marine Corps Air Station of Year, Again

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. (Feb. 13, 2025) — Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point has once again been recognized as the Marine Corps Air Station of the Year as part of the 2025 Marine Corps Installations and Logistics Excellence Awards, announced on February 13, 2025.

The back-to-back award recognizes the outstanding achievements of the Corps' top performing Marines, Sailors, Civilians and units in the Installations and Logistics community.

MCAS Cherry Point exemplified excellence in infrastructure development and modernization through strategic investments and transformative projects. Notably, the Facilities Directorate executed 409 contract actions totaling \$206 million, advancing key initiatives such as a \$53 million F-35 simulator facility, a \$208 million F-35 maintenance hangar, and a \$57.8 million fitness center. Major modernization efforts, including the \$1.1 billion F-35 Transition Program and the \$600 million Hurricane Florence Recovery Program, led to the repair of 185 buildings and the construction of critical new facilities, including two purpose-built fire stations and a state-of-the-art air traffic control tower.

“Earning this award two years in a row is more than just an accolade, it is a reflection of the hard work dedication and passion between MCAS Cherry Point, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Naval Health Clinic, Fleet Readiness Center East and the community,” said Col. Brendan Burks, MCAS Cherry Point commanding officer. “It is the result of years of hard work, innovation, and collaboration from our service members, civilian workforce, and community partners who continue to push the limits of excellence at America’s Air Station.”

This consecutive recognition not only celebrates MCAS Cherry Point’s continued leadership and innovation, but also places the installation in contention, once again, for the Commander in Chief’s Award for Installation Excellence, an honor it received in 2024. This distinction underscores the profound impact of teamwork, perseverance, and dedication exhibited at all levels and across all sections of the installation.

Commissioned in 1942, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point is the world’s largest Marine Corps Air Station. It, including its outlying fields and ranges, occupies more than 29,000 acres of land in Eastern North Carolina and controls more than 9,000 square miles of airspace. MCAS Cherry Point provides a 24-hour airfield, year-round in the support of more than 130,000 annual flight operations as a primary aerial port of embarkation and debarkation for about 40,000 Marines and Sailors deploying annually on the East Coast. The installation is a true power projection platform for warfighting and readiness within the Carolina Marine Air-Ground Task Force. Through its operation and development, the installation contributes approximately \$2.64 billion to the state and local economy.

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