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Beale Air Force Base, California

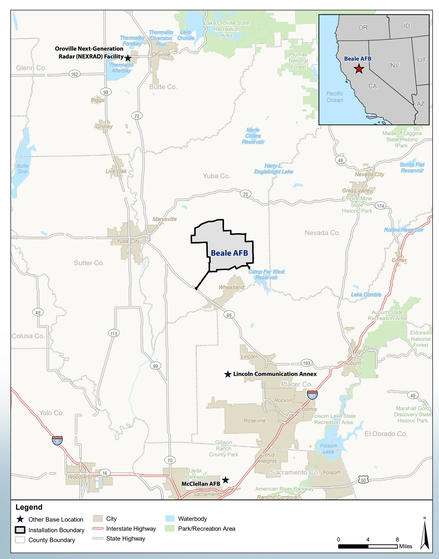
Installation Mission and Context

Mission

The primary mission of Beale Air Force Base (AFB) is to train, deploy, and employ our Airmen and assets to deliver combat power and globally integrated intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance in support of national objectives.

Location

Beale AFB covers nearly 23,000 acres in Yuba County in northern California. The installation is located approximately 10 miles east of the city of Marysville and Yuba City.



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History

Beale AFB is located on the site of the former Camp Beale, which was constructed by the Army in 1942 in response to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The installation was transferred to the Air Force in 1948 and renamed Beale Air Force Base in 1951. Beale AFB has hosted many missions and types of aircraft over the years.

Timeline

1964 — *Beale AFB becomes the home of the new, supersonic reconnaissance aircraft, the SR-71 "Blackbird".*

1974 - 1976 — *Beale-based SR-71s set a series of speed and altitude records.*

1976 — *Beale AFB receives its first U-2 "Dragon Lady".*

2001 — *Beale AFB becomes the home of the 12th Reconnaissance Squadron and the RQ-4 Global Hawk.*

2005 — *A Beale-based aircrew flew reconnaissance missions over the Gulf Coast to assess damage caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.*

2006 - 2008 — *Local communities participate in the Beale Joint Land Use Study, a strategy guide intended to protect the viability of current and future missions at Beale AFB while accommodating growth, sustaining the economic health of the region, and protecting public health and safety.*

Economic Impact

The DoD provides direct, indirect, and induced economic benefits to local communities through jobs and wages. Benefits include employment opportunities, increases in local business revenue, and revenue from the sale and taxing of property. DoD operations at Beale AFB contributed a total economic impact of $627 million in fiscal year 2017, including all procurement and military and civilian payroll.

The installation provides support to Department of Defense and federal agencies serving over 11,500 Airmen, civilians, and dependents.

The economic impact of the installation extends throughout the state of California but is concentrated in the five counties making up the surrounding region: Butte, Nevada, Placer, Sutter, and Yuba counties.