

# CHS Trains Navy at Patuxent River Naval Air Station



The Patuxent River [known to the Navy as “Pax River”] Naval Air Station Complex stretches across 25 miles of shoreline at the mouth of the Patuxent River, overlooking the picturesque Chesapeake Bay, 65 miles southeast of Washington DC and 90 miles south of Baltimore. The Complex supports naval aviation operations by researching, developing, testing, and evaluating aircraft, aircraft components, and related products. The facilities are also used by foreign governments, academic institutions, and private industry for similar projects.

NAWC Patuxent River continues to serve as the Navy’s principal research, development, test, evaluation, engineering and fleet support activity for naval aircraft, engines, avionics, aircraft support systems, and ship/shore/air operations. In addition, the installation hosts the Navy Test Pilot School, and both NAS Patuxent River and the nearby OLF Webster host Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operations, all of which regularly use the installation’s airspace complex. An additional mission is the detachment of the very high priority TACAMO mission (VQ-4 Det).