

**Civil Air Patrol
2014 National Conference
Las Vegas, NV
14-16 August 2014**

It is a great privilege that the Nevada Wing was selected to host the 2014 National Conference in spectacular Las Vegas, Nevada and for certain you will fondly remember your time here for decades to come. Be prepared to be amazed by the conference as well as the additional activities of the city.

This handout is being made available to you, in advance, so that you can fully maximize your own free time, and if you chose to bring the family, which we whole heartedly encourage, they can bask in the fun too.

Please remember, some of the activities listed here will tempt you greatly. The state of Nevada welcomes you and your wallets with open arms. But remember, you are coming here for a conference. Some of this will be night time stuff for you, for the week or so before and after, or for your non-CAP family that will join you. If the national commander hears crickets during the conference, they might not be too pleased!

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NV Wing Director of Safety

WEB SITES YOU'LL WANT

Use any browser you like and check out Las Vegas. These sites offer a lot of general information you might want to use to plan all the activities in advance. There are plenty more sites too. In the rest of this handout, though, we will provide specific sites that will be easy to locate under specific headings.

<https://www.mccarran.com/>
<http://www.vegas.com/>

WEATHER

It gets hot here—REALLY REALLY HOT! But humidity is mostly non-existent.

August is our hottest month, but it will be a lot warmer than you are used to in your home towns. Therefore, Vegas is an indoor and air-conditioned town and for most of what you will do you will not even notice the heat (except for outdoor activities like golf, or getting into a car that has been parked in the sun while you were indoors). If you see a cloud, or heaven forbid, rain, while you are here, make a wish.

Average August Low – High temp 76° – 106° F
Average August Rain – .35”
Average August Humidity – 24%

Wear plenty of strong sunblock here if you plan to be outdoors. Sunglasses are a must outdoors. Light colored clothing, loose long sleeves are also great for keeping cool and protected, and your favorite visor. Polo shirts are good if you've piled on the sunblock. Avoid darker clothing.

If you are going to visit Mt. Charleston, it is 20° F cooler than Vegas at any given moment.

THE HOTEL

The conference will be held at The New, Tropicana Las Vegas Hotel, Casino, and Convention Center located at 3801 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Just paste that into your Google Maps, Yahoo Maps, or GPS and you will be able to locate it promptly.

The hotel's phone numbers are:

1-800-462-8767 (1-800-GO2-TROP)
702-739-2222

This is the general contact line. However, there may be a better number you can use so that you get the CAP Conference discount rate. We will try to make this contact number available as soon as it is known for certain.

<http://www.troplv.com/>

TO LAS VEGAS BY CAR

There are four main routes into Las Vegas, NV unless you have a flare for back roads. From the Northwest, come in using Highway 95 as if coming from Reno, NV. From the Southwest, come in using I-15 as if coming from Los Angeles, CA. From the Northeast, come in using I-15 as if coming from Salt Lake City, UT. From the Southeast, come in using Highway 95 as if coming from Phoenix, AZ.

Traveling by car into Las Vegas can be very slow on Fridays and you can expect heavy traffic from Phoenix, but even heavier from Los Angeles. Traffic is equally nightmarish as tourists leave Las Vegas on those corridors on Sundays. If travelling by car, consider getting into the city before 12:00PM on that Friday, and leaving before 10:00AM on that following Sunday.

If you are not parking in a covered parking area, consider leaving your car windows open and inch or so on either side of the car to let it breathe and release heat. Otherwise you will be getting into an oven.

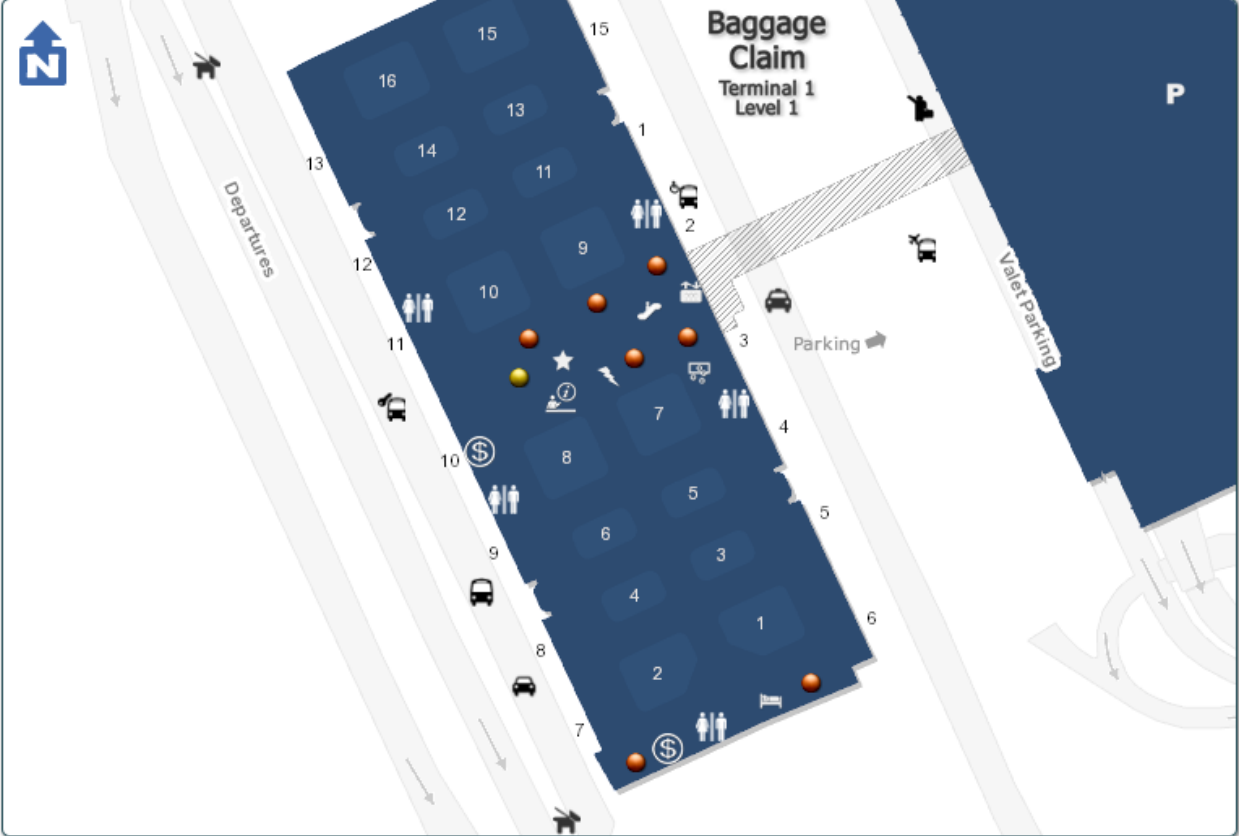
BY COMMERCIAL AIR

When making your commercial air reservations, you will be flying into McCarran International Airport, code **LAS**, for your reservations planning. For detailed information about the airport, such as arrival and departure times, ground transportation, shuttles, parking, etc. check out this web site: <https://www.mccarran.com/>
The Tropicana Hotel is less than ½ mi from the runway, as the crow flies.

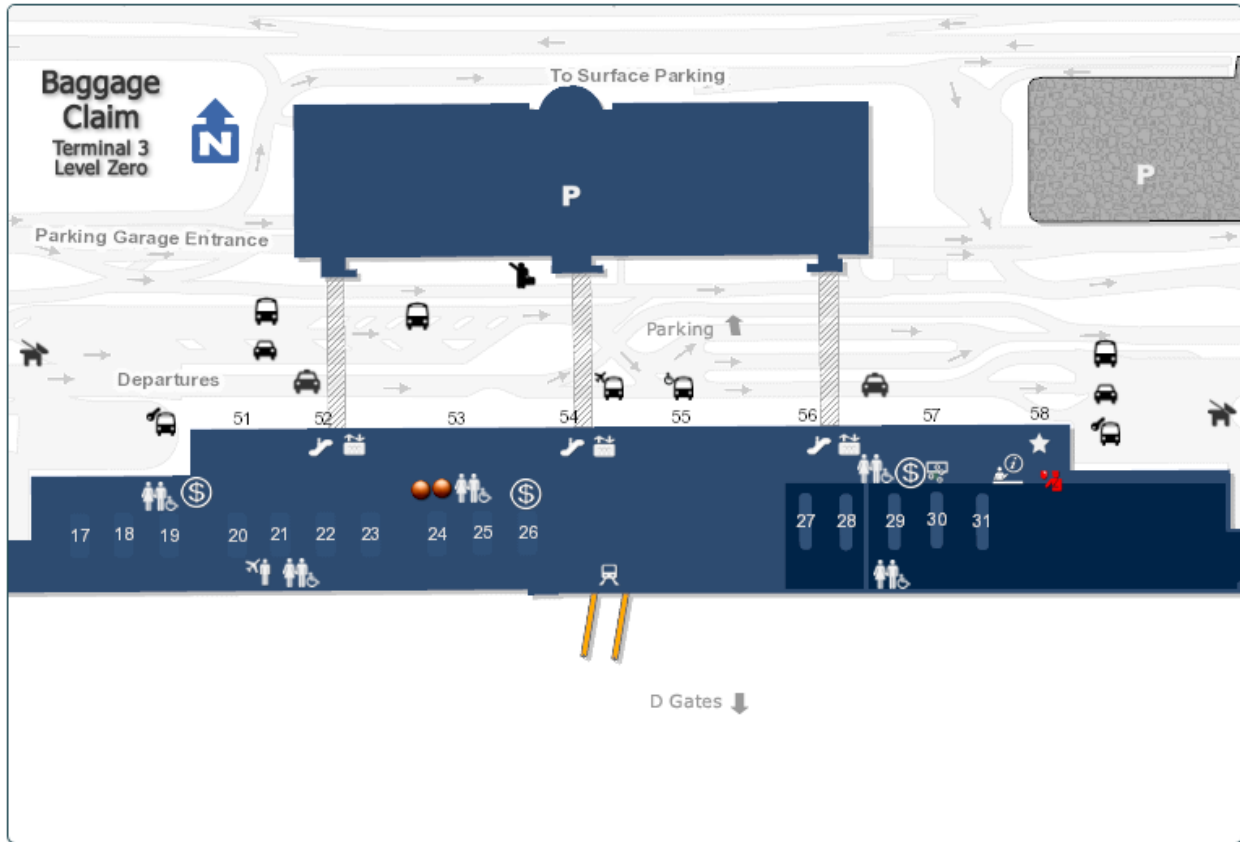
The following carrier airlines serve LAS:

Aeromexico	www.aeromexico.com	1.800.AEROMEX (1.800.237.6639)
Air Canada	www.aircanada.ca	1.888.247.2262
Air Tran	www.airtran.com	1.800.AIRTRAN (1.800.247.8726)
Alaska	www.alaskaair.com	1.800.426.0333
Allegiant	www.allegiantair.com	1.702.505.8888
American Airlines	www.aa.com	1.800.433.7300
ArkeFly	www.arkefly.nl	1.855.808.4015
British Airways	www.britishairways.com	1.800.247.9297
Condor	www.condor.com	Call your travel agent
Copa Airlines	www.copaair.com	
Delta	www.delta.com	1.800.221.1212
Frontier Airlines	www.flyfrontier.com	1.800.432.1359
Hawaiian Airlines	www.hawaiianair.com	1.800.367.5320
Interjet	www.interjet.com	
JetBlue	www.jetblue.com	1.800.JETBLUE (1.800.538.2583)
Korean Air	www.koreanair.com	800.438.5000
Magni Charters	www.magnicharters.com	1.877.672.2424
Omni	www.omniairintl.com	1.877.718.8901
Southwest	www.southwest.com	1.800.I.FLY.SWA (1.800.435.9792)
Spirit	www.spiritair.com	1.800.772.7117
Sun Country	www.suncountry.com	1.866.FLY.N.SUN (1.866.359.6786)
Sunwing	www.flysunwing.com	Call your travel agent
Thomas Cook	www.thomascook.com	Call your travel agent
United	www.united.com	1.800.United.1 (1.800.864.8331)
US Airways	www.usairways.com	1.800.428.4322
Virgin America	www.virginamerica.com	1.877.359.8474
Virgin Atlantic	www.virgin-atlantic.com	1.800.862.8621
Vision Airlines	www.visionairlines.com	1.877.359.2538
Volaris	www.volaris.mx	1.866.988.3527
WestJet	www.westjet.com	(1.888.937.8538)
XL Airways France	www.xlairways.com	1.877.496.9889

Most people arriving by air will be arriving at, and collecting their baggage at, the Terminal 1 Baggage Claim (if coming in through Terminal 3, see diagram below and information below the T1 plan). There are 16 carousels. Between 1-8 and 9-16, is an open walkway where people tend to meet their parties.



If you are arriving at Terminal #3 then the meeting place for CAP van pickup will be just outside door #52, adjacent to carousel #22.



BY GENERAL AVIATION AIR

The closest general aviation airports are North Las Vegas Airport and Henderson Executive Airport. You can find them on AirNav at <http://www.airnav.com/>. Their contact information is below:

North Las Vegas Airport	VGT	http://www.vgt.aero/index.html
Henderson Executive Airport	HND	http://www.hnd.aero/

RENTAL CARS

Most people will not need a rental car. There are so many free hotel shuttles, trams, taxis, and CAP vans that most people will not need them. However, if you want to rent one, you should know they are not located on the airport property. There are free shuttles to where you will pick up your car, and you should remember that when you return it at the drop off location that you will need to plan for transit time to catch flights.

The rental car shuttles are very close to the airport, so it is not a long process—just not co-located at the airport though.

However, for those that plan to travel beyond the convention and hotel will probably want to rent a car. Perhaps you are bringing non-CAP family or significant others here with you. The best option for you is the following websites:

<https://www.mccarran.com/Go/RentalCars.aspx>
<https://www.mccarran.com/Fly/MyJourneyMap.aspx?location=RAC&~>

If you are not parking in a covered parking area, consider leaving your car windows open and inch or so on either side of the car to let it breathe and release heat. Otherwise you will be getting into an oven.

PUBLIC BUS

Las Vegas has an excellent public transportation system if you choose not to use the hotel shuttles, CAP vans, local shuttles, for whatever reason. Here are some web sites to check out:

<https://www.mccarran.com/Go/PublicBus.aspx>
<http://www.rtcnv.com/transit/>

SHUTTLE SERVICE

The Tropicana Hotel does not offer its own shuttle service, but that is okay.

There are several airport shuttle services available between the airport and dozens of hotels. Airline Shuttle Corp is one option, Super Shuttle is another. You can have 1-way travel, or round trip, for the approximate price of \$8.00-\$14.00. There are other shuttles as well, and we are not endorsing those below—they are just affordable options. Check out the following web site:

<https://www.mccarran.com/Go/Shuttles.aspx>
<http://www.airlineshuttlecorp.com/>
<http://www.shuttlelasvegas.com/default.aspx?direction=RT&port=LAS&atype=M>

TAXI SERVICE

There are so many taxi choices, and so many in town, that you would have no problem finding one near the baggage claim area, or anywhere else. Leaving the hotels each day are lines of taxis, so no problem then either.

To and from the airport will cost about \$15 each way

MONORAIL SERVICES

There is also monorail service. On the west side of the strip they run between the various hotels and do not cost anything. On the east side of the strip there is a \$15 all day ride fee. If you are interested, check out this site:

<http://www.vegas.com/transportation/las-vegas-monorails/>

GOLF

If golf is your thing, we have courses all over the place! One of the most affordable is the Nellis AFB club. You will need a military ID card (not your CAP ID) to get on, or have someone with a card sign you in.

Nellis AFB - <http://www.sunrisevistagolf.com>

Another great club is off the strip a ways, but has awesome holes and views.

Badlands Golf Club - <http://www.badlandsgc.com/>

Or if you are feeling adventurous, choose your own. Here are some options:

<http://www.lasvegsgolfadventures.com/golf-courses.html>

<http://www.lasvegsgolf.com/courses/>

<http://www.visitlasvegas.com/vegas/play/golf/index.jsp>

SAFE - FAMILY / KID ATTRACTIONS

There are free nightly shows also. Get there early so you get a good spot!

Walk the Strip		FREE
Treasure Island's Sirens	http://treasureisland.com/	FREE
	See a mock battle between the pirates and the sirens, pyrotechnics, music and dance, moving and sinking pirate ships on the water, shows nightly	
Mirage Volcano	http://www.mirage.com/	FREE
	Erupts about every 30 minutes at night. Feel the ground vibrate, feel the heat of the flames as they shoot up, timed to south pacific music	
Bellagio Fountains	http://www.bellagio.com/	FREE
	Watch magnificent fountains shoot up to music several times per hour, daily	
Wet 'n' Wild Water Park	http://www.wetwildlasvegas.com/index.htm	KIDS
Skyzone Trampoline	http://www.skyzone.com/LasVegas	KIDS
Shark Reef	http://www.mandalaybay.com/shark-reef/	KIDS
Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat –		KIDS
Adventure Dome	http://www.adventuredome.com/	KIDS
Vegas Indoor Skydiving	http://www.vegasindoorskydiving.com/	

- Skydive Las Vegas <http://www.skydivelasvegas.com/>
- Glider Rides <http://soaringcenter.net/>
- Las Vegas Motor Speedway <http://www.lvms.com/>
<http://www.mirage.com/attractions/secret-garden.aspx>
- Grand Canyon Helicopter Tours <http://www.gcflight.com/>
- Hoover Dam Helicopter Tours <http://www.gcflight.com/>
- Grand Canyon Ground Tours <http://www.papillon.com/other-services/groups-and-incentives>
- Hoover Dam Ground Tours <http://hooverdamtourcompany.com/>
- Red Rock Canyon **FAMILY**
http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo/blm_programs/blm_special_areas/red_rock_nca.html
- Mt Charleston Lodge **FAMILY**
<http://www.mtcharlestonlodge.com/#/mtcharlestonlodge/>
- Bonnie Springs Zoo and Western Town <http://www.bonniesprings.com/> **FAMILY**
- Air Combat <http://www.skycombatace.com/>
- Pahrump Valley Winery <http://www.pahrumpwinery.com/>
- Shooting
- Machine Guns
 - Discount Firearms and Ammo - <http://www.discountfirearmsinc.com/>
 - The Gun Store - <http://www.thegunstorelasvegas.com/>
 - Las Vegas Gun Range and Firearm Store - <http://lasvegasgunrange.net/>
 - Clark County Shooting Park
<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/parks/Pages/clark-county-shooting-park.aspx>
- Museums
- Discovery Museum <http://www.discoverykidslv.org/> **KIDS**
 - Natural History Museum <http://lvnhm.org/> **KIDS**
 - Springs Preserve <http://www.springspreserve.org/> **KIDS**
 - Bodies Exhibit <http://www.bodiestheexhibition.com/lasvegas/>
 - Titanic Exhibit <http://www.luxor.com/entertainment/titanic.aspx>
 - Smith Center for the Performing Arts <http://www.thesmithcenter.com/>
- Malls
- Fashion Show Mall
 - Caesars Palace Forum Shops
 - Miracle Mile Shops in Planet Hollywood
 - Outlet Malls
 - Las Vegas Premium Outlet
 - Las Vegas Premium Outlet - South
 - Fashion outlets of Las Vegas (in Primm NV)
 - Bass Pro Shop
- Spas – all over the place

FAMILY SHOWS

There are so many shows your head could explode. There is no way to make a complete list here, but we will list some of the most commonly frequented ones.

Popular Vegas Shows

Tournament of Kings – Excalibur

FAMILY

Cirque du Soleil – Mystere at Treasure Island
Cirque du Soleil – O at Bellagio
Cirque du Soleil – Viva Elvis at Aria Resort
Cirque du Soleil – Zumanity at New York NY
Cirque du Soleil – Chris Angel, Believe at Luxor
Cirque du Soleil – KA at MGM Grand
Cirque du Soleil – Beatles Love at Mirage
The Lion King – Mandalay Bay
Penn and Teller – Rio
Phantom – Venetian
Blue Man Group – Venetian
Other shows - <http://www.vegas.com/shows/>
