County of San Diego Airports
A Historical Look at Gillespie Field:
“Ranches – Gooney Birds & Bonanzas”
Agricultural Valley in the Box
El Cajon & the Early Years

Knox Hotel – El Cajon

View of El Cajon Valley - 1917

Robinson Ranch - 1918

1919
The Early Years

In 1893 Towns Name Changed to Santee
Future Site of Camp Gillespie

Pre-World War II
Camp Gillespie - Paratrooper Training Base

Training Towers

“Blue Goose” Jump Plane

Marine Corps Paratrooper Training Base - 1943
A Piece of History – Ira Hamilton Hayes

Ira Hayes, USMC
Pima, Gila River Reservation

Iwo Jima Flag Raising

Marine PFC Ira Hayes, Pima, Gila River Reservation pictured far left in photo, 1945.

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Franklin Sousley
Michael Strank
John Bradley
Harlon Block

Rene Gagnon
Military Aircraft Based at Marine Corps Auxiliary Airfield-Gillespie

- F4U Corsair Fighter-Bomber
- SBD Dauntless Marine Dive Bomber
Air Traffic Control Tower - 1962

Air Traffic Control Tower Construction - 1962
Gillespie Field

Golden State Flying Club – 1960s

Mr. Essery
Gillespie Field

Bob Dennis – El Cajon Flying Service – 1950s
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Former Camp Gillespie Pool/Gymnasium Area - 1962
Sheriffs ASTREA - 1971

Bell 47

Hughes 500D

Bell 47
Gillespie Field Today
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