

GROUP AIR STATION NORTH BEND

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Group - Air Station North Bend

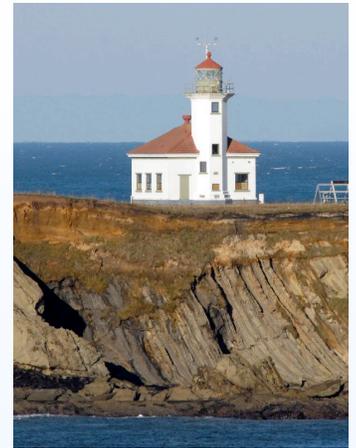
Coast Guard Group North Bend's area of responsibility encompasses 220 miles of the Oregon Coast, from the California border to Pacific City, Oregon.

The Group is composed of six Motor Life Boat Stations, an Air Station, an Air Facility, Aids to Navigation Team and the USCGC Orcas. The Motor Life Boat Stations are located in Brookings, Charleston, Winchester Bay, Florence, Newport and Depoe Bay, Oregon.

The Group Office, Air Station, Aids to Navigation Team and USCGC Orcas are in the North Bend/Coos Bay area. The Air Facility is in Newport.

MISSION. Group North Bend serves the public along the Oregon coast, performing the missions of Search and Rescue, Aids to Navigation, Law Enforcement, Environmental Protection and Readiness. We accomplish this with mission ready boats and helicopters crewed and supported by well trained and dedicated professionals. Additional responsibilities include cooperation with other Federal, state and local government agencies as directed by the Operational Commander.

VISION. Coast Guard Group North Bend will provide the highest level of professional service to the public and our members while remaining flexible and responsive to changing mission environments. Group North Bend is committed to providing a safe, productive, and efficient work place where each member is a valued participant and has the opportunity to reach their full potential. The Group Commander also serves as Commanding Officer of Air Station North Bend. The Air Station has five Aerospatiale HH-65C Helicopters.



James Cook originally named Cape Arago Cape Gregory in 1778. William P. McArthur, a Naval Officer serving on the Coast Survey, charted the cape and named it Cape Arago on his 1850 maps. November 1, 1866, the second light station to be built in Oregon, was lit marking the busy channel into Coos Bay (then Marshfield). The light was a skeletal affair, built on the narrowest part of the island, where it received continuous pounding by stormy seas. Even after it was shored

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Checking In

Report in the uniform of the day to the Admin Department, Group North Bend, 2000 Connecticut Ave, North Bend, Oregon (The Group is located on the North Bend Airport). If reporting after normal working hours (0800-1600, M-F), check in at the Group Command Center located in the same building. Your sponsor should arrange to meet you upon your arrival and assist you in getting situated.

Uniform of the Day

Tropical Blue Long Uniform or ODU.

Duty

The Group-Air Station does not have an on-call designated duty driver. You should arrange transportation through your sponsor or unit if needed. Duty for Air Station pilots and enlisted watch-standers generally runs on a 1 in 4 rotation.

Housing

General: Contact Housing Office prior to arrival at 541-756-9201 or 541-756-9258. Doing so can save expenses and ensure you are following the correct process. Group-Air Station North Bend has 34 two, three and four bedroom government owned homes/apartments in the North Bend/Coos Bay area. You



up, it was evident a new structure was required. The second lighthouse was a wood structure with the light rising from the center, located further back on the islet. This structure became the official light in 1909. Later because of continuing erosion by the sea, that structure was removed and replaced with a significant concrete structure in 1934, making it the youngest of Oregon's remaining lighthouse structures.



Contact your Sponsor in advance of your arrival

Inform them of your estimated time of arrival and your mode of transportation. If your sponsor is not available, ask for: ADMIN.

Direct all questions to your sponsor.

Government Housing: Cape Heart & Charleston



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must check in with housing to get a release from government housing prior to obtaining housing on the economy. Additionally, there are pet restrictions in government housing. Pets will also make it very difficult to locate adequate housing on the economy, due to limited housing availability. The Group also leases numerous one, two, three and four bedroom units for eligible individuals. Application for assignment to military housing (CG-5267) must be submitted for assignment or release. Rentals in the area range from \$650 for a one-bedroom apartment to \$1400 for a three bedroom home. Utility costs range from \$100 in the summer to \$350 in the winter depending on the type of heating (oil or electric). NOTE: Natural gas is generally not available. The rental vacancy rate is around 2 percent and it takes approximately ten days to locate a rental unit. The Group Housing Office maintains a list of potential rentals for the North Bend/Coos Bay area. Click on this link for an extensive list of [Property Managers](#) in the local area.

Automated Housing Referral Network

This is a powerful new tool in finding rental homes at your new duty station. Login at www.ahrn.com on any computer with an internet connection. Click on "Military Members: click here to register!" and fill out the required information with your new duty location. You will be able to find rental homes around your next duty station, discover your BAH amount for that area, plot the rentals on a map with directions to the duty station, conduct specific searches to find exactly what you are looking for in a rental home and much more! Contact

your local housing office for more information. Please make sure you have approval from housing, receive a written release from government housing and inspect the rental before signing any lease agreement.

Housing for Rent

Be prepared to have ample cash for the deposits that are required when renting a home. Your authorized Dislocation Allowance (DLA) should help with this. Landlords usually require security, cleaning, and pet deposits. Security and/or cleaning deposits will range from several hundred dollars to thousands of dollars. Deposits must be refunded to you by the landlord within two weeks (14 days) after termination of your tenancy, less the amounts which are reasonable necessary to remedy defaults in your payment of rent, repair damages to the premises caused by you, or clean such premises upon termination of the tenancy, if the lease or rental agreement so provides.

A few landlords in the North Bend/Coos Bay area allow pets. Those who do restrict the number and size of the pets, and usually require a \$100 to \$300 deposit, all or part of which may be non-refundable. With the weather conditions associated with the Northwest, finding good rentals that accept pets is difficult.

Rent-Set-Aside

There is also a "rent set aside" program that may alleviate the need to come up with first and last months deposit. Contact housing office for details.

Leased Housing Program

The Leased Housing Program provides additional housing through the leasing of privately owned dwellings in the

community. Eligibility for leased housing in North Bend/Coos Bay is determined by comparing general housing costs of the leasing area and bedroom requirements of the pay grade concerned. For Coast Guard members with dependents, minimum bedroom requirements are based on the number of dependents (excluding the spouse) and dependents age. For more information contact Group North Bend Housing office at (541) 756-9201.

Military Lease Clause

If you sign a private lease, be sure a military (transfer) clause is included in your lease. The below military clause is example of one which should be used:

"The said LESSOR agrees that in the event said LESSEE shall be transferred by military orders from _____, or be required to occupy government quarters, then, in either of such events, said LESSEE has and shall have the right to terminate this lease prior to the date of expiration there of by delivering to the LESSOR a thirty (30) day notice in writing of such transfer or assignment, and the effective date thereof, said notice to be sent to the LESSOR by registered mail."

Housing Discrimination

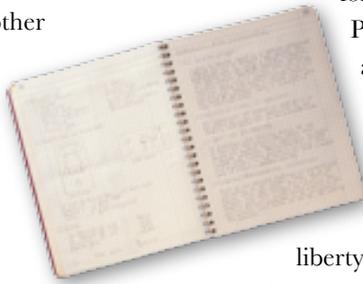
In the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (the Fair Housing Law), Congress declared a national policy of providing fair housing throughout the United States, regardless of the prospective tenants sex, race, religion, color, or national origin. If, while house hunting, you have problems of a discriminatory nature, contact the Housing officer. This notification should be made as soon as possible after the incident, and careful records should be kept by you to help the investigating team.

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Buying A Home

Houses in the North Bend/Coos Bay area range from \$150K to \$500K or more. A modest three-bedroom, two bath home with a double garage, located within an urban area, sells for approximately \$225,000. This increases dramatically in locations with views or other amenities. Click here to see an extensive list of: [Real Estate Offices](#). The Group Housing Office is prohibited from recommending specific real estate agents or companies.

These companies will give you the broadest coverage throughout the area that can meet your requirements. Personnel should further consult with the unit yeoman concerning the FHA in-service loan program outlined in Chapter 16 of the Personnel Manual. You should also consult Section E of the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Manual, which permits loans for down payment/closing costs in buying a home with no interest charge.



Permissive Orders for House Hunting

Permissive orders for “house hunting trips” consist of up to 10 days authorized absence to search for a new residence at the new duty station. This is specifically for the benefit of members with PCS orders. The 10 day absence is issued at the discretion of the Commanding Officer of the old duty station. It may be combined with leave or liberty to extend the period, but may not be combined with any travel, proceed time, or leave incident to PCS orders. Article 7-A-10.b(8) of the Personnel Manual allows the Commanding Officer at the gaining unit to grant administrative absences during circumstances (such as distance, cost, or TAD) for up to 10 working days when the member is unable to make use of permissive orders for house hunting prior to departing the last unit.

Temporary Lodging Expense

TLE is authorized for:

1. A total of 10 days in connection with a PCS between two PDS's (permanent duty station) in CONUS; (For example, 5 days in the vicinity of the old and 5 days in the vicinity of the new PDS or 10 days in the vicinity of either the old or new PDS, but not both).
2. 10 days in connection with a PCS from outside CONUS to a CONUS PDS. Temporary lodging for which TLE is authorized must, in fact, be a temporary place of residence. Lodgings occupied upon initial arrival at a new PDS location which are permanent type residence quarters into which a members moves his or her household goods (HHG) and

continues occupancy indefinitely will not be considered temporary lodgings for TLE. ***Keep receipts and declare TLE when you submit your PCS travel claim.***

Temporary Quarters

A single three bedroom unit has been designated for use as transient quarters. Members may use this unit on a first come first serve basis for a period of up to ten days. Charges for usage are based on rank of member and ranges from \$16 to \$40 per night. Pets are allowed, but must be kept outside the quarters in the space provided, a fee maybe charged. If you are going to bring a pet(s) the housing office must be notified when calling for reservations. Please call the housing office at (541) 756-9201 for more information.

Housing Waiting List

Occupancy of all Coast Guard housing is on a “first come, first serve basis.” For every set of PCS orders issued, there is a unique assemblage of housing requirements. Waiting list priorities are based on assigned control date. The control date will be established upon receipt of the housing application (CG-5267) and will be 35 days



prior to the estimated date of arrival or the actual date of receipt if less than 35 days prior to the estimated date of arrival.

Before Accepting Off Base Housing...

DO...Check in with the housing office.
DO...Decide if you will or will not accept leased housing when it becomes available.

CAUTION

Don't Rush...

Be Careful: Don't rush your housing decision. It is better to take a little extra time and make a well informed decision. ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

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DO...Make a thorough search of the surrounding area to find a house or an apartment suitable as to location and rent to meet your needs. **DON'T RUSH.** Do not accept a rental that you and your family will not be happy with.

Accepting Off Base Rental...

DO...Explain to the landlord, if you intend to accept leased housing, that you will move into government quarters when they become available.

DO...Read lease or rental agreements thoroughly and request changes or modifications to clauses you cannot meet.

DO...Verify the amount of rent, ask if any of the following are included in the rent: water, electricity, gas, trash collection and cable TV service.

DO...Be aware that most rentals require first and last months rent plus a deposit be paid immediately.

DO...Ensure the facility is not subject to summer rates.

DO...Ensure that you have written verification if security, cleaning and damage deposits, or pet fees are refundable upon termination of tenancy.

DO...Have the landlord conduct an inspection/inventory with you at the rental premises.

DO...Obtain a copy of everything you sign. Oregon Real Estate Law entitles you to a copy at the time of your signature to any document concerning Real Property.

DON'T Enter into any lease or agreement you do not intend to honor.
DON'T Accept quarters where the lease or rental agreement does not include a military release clause for a permanent change of station.



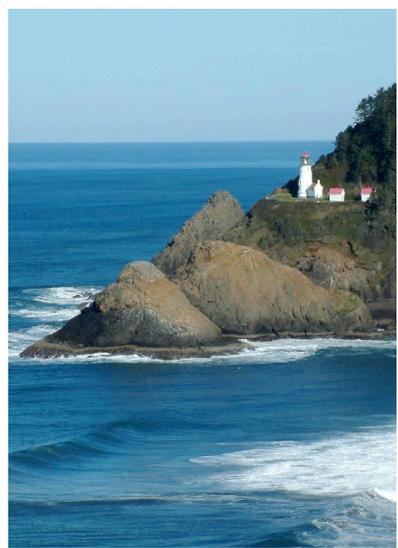
Southern Oregon Rivers

From the temperate rain forest rivers of the Coast Range to spring-fed creeks, find spectacular surroundings around Southern Oregon Rivers. A famed western writer wrote: "(He) knew enough to realize that the Rogue River steelhead had no equal in fresh water for speed, strength, cunning, and endurance. All trout are beautiful. But this one of sea species seemed more than beautiful. He was all muscle...and had taken on the beauty of the river."

*Zane Grey
1928*



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Typical SA/SN/FA/FN job assignments are focused around general facilities engineering & ground maintenance.

Duty rotation is approx 1 in 4.

Hotels, Etc.

There are several hotel options in the local area with a wide range of accommodations to choose from:

Comfort Inn Coos Bay/North Bend

541.756.3191

Best Western Holiday Motel

877.574.2464

Red Lion Hotel Coos Bay

541.267.4141

Mill Casino-Hotel

541.756.8800

Edgewater Inn

541.267.0423

Bandon Inn

541.347.4417

Sunset Ocean Front Lodging

541.347.2453

Bandon Dunes Lodge

541.347.4380

Visit this link for a more extensive list of area hotels, bed & breakfast lodging, RV parks, campgrounds, contact numbers, websites, and maps.

[North Bend / Coos Bay Lodging Links](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

- ☛ Is messing available: NO
- ☛ Are quarters / barracks available: NO
There are no barracks rooms available for temporary lodging. Plan ahead!
- ☛ Is govt owned housing available: YES
but only for E6 and below.

- ☛ Is Unaccompanied Personnel Leased Housing available: YES
- ☛ Is leased housing available for members with dependents: Only if member qualifies for 3 or 4 bedrooms
- ☛ Where will a single non-rate more than likely live? On the economy at BAH without dependents
- ☛ Should a member submit a housing application to the housing office: YES
- ☛ What is the average wait for a two-bedroom house/apartment on the economy: several days
- ☛ What is the average wait for Govt owned family housing: 6 months
- ☛ Where do most people live: North Bend / Coos Bay
- ☛ Rate of auto insurance for the typical 18-20 year old: \$100+/mo.
- ☛ Rate of auto insurance for the typical young family: \$100/month
- ☛ Where do most people bank: Oregon Federal Credit Union, Bank of America, USAA.
- ☛ Is there a mall in the area: YES; The Pony Village Mall has approx 20 stores and a 6 screen movie theatre. There are 2 large malls in Eugene - Gateway Mall, Valley River Center Mall two hours away.
- ☛ Upon reporting in, it is very important that members and dependents go to the Tricare Service Center at the exchange to enroll in Tricare Prime ASAP. Members have 90 days to enroll newborn babies into Tricare Prime. If members fail to do this they will automatically be enrolled into Tricare standard and may end up having to pay for medical bills.

GETTING ESTABLISHED

Employment Outlook

The cities of North Bend and Coos Bay depend heavily on the lumber and fishing industries. Both areas have been affected by restrictions on timber sales and fishing quotas. Jobs can be found however, particularly in the service sector. The North Bend/Coos Bay area is home to numerous businesses, department stores, restaurants, a hospital, hospital related businesses, and schools. There is no state sales tax, and items are comparable in price to other coastal states. Much of the state's revenue comes from relatively high property taxes which can be a factor for those who buy real estate, and from a 9% state income tax, one of the nation's highest. www.employment.oregon.gov

Education

Southwestern Oregon Community College (SOCC) is the premiere school for higher education in Southwestern Oregon. The college offers a diverse number of programs leading to Associate Degrees

and some special programs for higher degrees. The campus is located in Coos Bay.

Public schools can be found in every town in the Group area. Buses are the usual mode of transportation for students. You can review the test scores for each school & district at Oregon's Department of Education website www.ode.state.or.us, then click on the "reports" button. There are two high schools in Oregon's Bay Area (Coos Bay - Marshfield; and North Bend High). There are also a several private schools available and their contact information is listed below.

www.oregonsbayareachamber.com/educat.htm

www.schoolmatters.com

www.ode.state.or.us

www.coos-bay.k12.or.us

www.nbend.k12.or.us

www.socc.edu

www.occi.net



PRIVATE	GRADES	ADDRESS	PHONE
Kingsview Christian	Pre K - 8	1850 Clark North Bend, OR 97459	541.756.1411
Gold Coast Christian	1 - 8	1251 Clark North Bend, OR 97459	541.756.6307
Christ Lutheran	Preschool - 6	1835 N. 15th Coos Bay, OR 97420	541.267.3851

Military Discounts

Several local merchants offer discounts on goods and services to military members. The amount and type of discount will vary depending on the merchant...

Arts Electronics	McDonald's
Bay Bridge Motel	Mannheimers
Bay Burger Inn	Moe's Bike Shop
Bay Club	Moe's Super Lube
Bay Shore Truck & Auto	Napa Auto Parts
Bayco Transmissions	National 9 Inn
Baywatch Video	Nonnies
Best Western	North Bend Lanes
Burger King	Pietros
Dairy Queen	Pony Village Motor
Dominos Pizza	Red Lion Inn
El Patio Del Puerto	Sherman Cleaners
Empire Cleaners	Shuck's Auto Parts
Expert Tires	Sizzler
Feather Merchant	Spinreel Dune Buggy
Fred Meyer Jewelers	Subway
Golder Auto Parts	Sunset Golf Course
Happy Clam	Suzy's Subs
Hill Top House	Taco Bell
Honda World	Taco Time
Jans Old Fashion Burger	The Framery
Ken Ware GM Auto	Timber Lodge Motel
Kentuck Gold	Wendys
Les Schwab Tires	Whitmers Carpet Cleaner
Little Richards	Woodies Quick Wok

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Relocation Phone Numbers

EMERGENCIES:

Poison Control 1-800-222-1222
Police/Fire/Ambulance 911

COAST GUARD UNITS:

GROUP/AIR STATION NORH BEND: MAIN 541-756-9220
GROUP/AIR STATION NORTH BEND: ADMIN 541-756-9225
GROUP OPERATIONS CENTER 541-756-9210
USCGC ORCAS 541-756-9204
ANT COOS BAY 541-756-9276
STA DEPOE BAY 541-765-2124
STA YAQUINA BAY 541-265-5381
STA SIUSLAW RIVER 541-997-3631
STA UMPQUA RIVER 541-271-8603
STA COOS BAY 541-888-3266
STA CHETCO RIVER 541-469-3885
COQUILLE RIVER SARDET (summer only) 541-347-2038
ROGUE RIVER SARDET (summer only) 541-247-7219



USCG CLINIC PHONE NUMBERS:

Medical: 541-756-9234
Dental: 541-756-9238
Clinic Admin: 541-756-9236
HBA: 541-756-9236

OMBUDSMAN:

Contact your sponsor

GROUP-AIR STATION MAILING ADDRESS:

Commanding Officer
U.S. Coast Guard Group/Air Station
2000 Connecticut Ave.
North Bend, OR 97459-2399

GOVERNMENT AND LICENSES:

Internal Revenue Service 1-800-829-4477
State Employment Office, Coos Bay 541-267-4055
Vehicle Registration, Coos Bay 541-269-9717

NEWSPAPER:

The World, Coos Bay <http://www.theworldlink.com> 541-269-1222

GETTING TO KNOW THE AREA

Airports

North Bend has the only airport on the Southwest Oregon Coast that is served by a scheduled airline carrier. The nearest major airports where you can make possible connections are Portland International (4 hours drive from North Bend) and the Eugene airport (2 hours drive from North Bend). It is usually cheaper to fly to Eugene or Portland and then drive to North Bend than to fly directly to North Bend. North Bend is only served by a commuter airline, SkyWest, which is affiliated with United Airlines.



Coast Guard Exchange

This small facility is located near the intersection of Ocean and LeClaire, behind the gas station. The exchange offers a range of items, including sporting goods, furniture, food items, major appliances, package store, and small appliances for the kitchen, TV's, uniform shop and a customer service desk for special orders. Hours of operation are:
Tuesday thru
Saturday



CGES:
Contact the
Exchange by calling
541-888-5285 or visit the CGES
website at www.cg-exchange.com



The Oregon Coast

"Oregon's nearly 363 miles of pristine, coastline is made up of diverse terrain that changes from rugged cliffs to evergreen forests to Sahara-like dunes and boundless sandy beaches. From Astoria in the north to Brookings in the southern tip, follow the shoreline past a smorgasbord of one-of-a-kind attractions including scores of quaint towns with a penchant for serving up legendary seafood, historic lighthouses, breathtaking viewpoints, stunning state parks, a cornucopia of galleries and museums and a world class aquarium. Mild temperatures, dramatic scenery and a wide range of recreational activities make the coast one of the state's most popular regions." www.traveloregon.com



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0900-1730. Closed Sunday, Monday and Holidays. Call the CGES at 541-888-5285. The nearest major military exchange is located at Ft. Lewis and McChord AFB, 350 miles to the North in Washington State.

Weather

Generally, the weather in the Group North Bend area can be considered a mild climate. Typical of the Northwest Coast, the climate is very wet from November-June and dry from July-October. Rainfall averages about 63 inches a year. The average temperature is 53 degrees Fahrenheit. Average summer highs run about 70 degrees and winter lows about 37 degrees. Summers can be dry but with a brisk coastal wind keeping things cool. The coast is also known for its abundance of fog, which forms on a regular basis. The ocean water temperature usually runs from the low to mid 50 degree range year round, making swimming a chilly affair unless protected.



Regional Facts

The coastal towns and cities of Oregon are leisure oriented. Most are havens for local fishing fleets and provide numerous outdoor recreational activities as well. Towns such as Newport, Lincoln City, Bandon and Florence are coastal vacation destinations, and favorites for the summer tourists. Recreational vehicle travelers, outdoor activities, quaint shops, and vacation activities are abundant in these coastal favorites. You can find an abundance of fresh seafood restaurants all along the coast as well as many coastal arts and craft stores. The largest cities along the coast are Coos Bay and North Bend, boasting a combined population of over 25,000. These side by side cities are home to several lumber companies and the second largest commercial shipping/port facilities in Oregon. As can be expected, most any service or item you may need can be found in these cities. For those wanting a more metropolitan setting and services, the cities of Eugene (2 hours drive from North Bend) and Portland (4 hours drive) are the closest large cities.

Health Care

Bay Area Hospital (541) 269-8111 a 172-bed publicly owned acute care facility is the largest on the Oregon Coast and serves as a regional referral center.

The hospital and its medical staff of 100 physicians, offer a comprehensive range of diagnostic and therapeutic services. The hospital's inpatient and outpatient services include medical, surgical, mental health, pediatric, critical care, home health, oncology, obstetrical and other specialties. New and expanded medical services include laser treatments, MRI, CT, mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, and laparoscopy procedures. The expanded Radiation Therapy Center provides cancer patients with radiation treatments, surgical intervention and chemotherapy. Physicians, nurses and technologists are on duty 24 hours a day to meet the medical and emergency needs of south coast residents and visitors.

The community's health services are further enhanced by two major medical group practices and many private practitioners and specialists. Two primary clinics - Bay Clinic and North Bend Medical Centers provide services for the area as well as other specialized Medical Facilities.

Military Clinic & TRICARE

Group North Bend operates a medical/dental clinic for active duty Coast Guard members. The clinic staff consists of a Medical Officer (Flight Surgeon), Dental Officer, six Health Services

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Technicians, a contract Physician Assistant, and a contract Registered Nurse.

Dependents can be seen at the clinic on a **space available basis only**, with priority going to active duty members. The use of Tricare (Prime, Extra, Standard) and the Tricare Family Dental Plan (United Concordia) are highly encouraged. There are a growing number of area providers (Hospitals, Doctors and Dentists) participating in the Tricare program and United Concordia. For more information concerning Tricare or United Concordia contact the HBA or Clinic Administrator. (See Phone Numbers)

<http://www.tricare dental program.com/tdptws/home.jsp>

The clinic pharmacy may fill prescriptions from outside providers with items carried in stock. The pharmacy also provides an over-the-counter program providing two items per family per week.
MEDICAL/DENTAL HOURS:

Active duty medical sick call: 756-9234 between 0730-1600 for appointment. Active duty dental sick call: 756-9238 between 0730-1600 for appointment. Non-active duty medical appointments call 756-9234 after 0800 for appointment. Pharmacy: 0830-1130 and 1300-1530 Monday through Wednesday and Friday 0830-1130; closed Thursdays. After hours duty cell phone: 541-297-7510

Museums

The Coos Art Museum 235 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay (541) 267-3901 is the center of the creative community, offering artists exposure, & patrons enlightenment and education. It is currently housed in the former city post office building, a beautiful example of the art deco style. Collections include contemporary American prints and contemporary Northwest art, in addition to changing and permanent exhibitions. Several galleries display local artists. The Steve Prefontaine Memorial Collection is located on the 2nd floor.

Begin your journey through local history with a visit to the [Coos Historical & Maritime Museum](#) 1220 Sherman Ave., North Bend (541) 756-6320 You will see intricate baskets made by Coos and Coquille Indians and a dugout canoe used on inland waterways. Your experience continues with a look at shipbuilding -- important in early years -- and shipwrecks, as well as historical folk art created by local artisans. These are only a few of the treasures that chronicle the lives of the region's first settlers. Open all year Tuesday thru Saturday, 10am - 4pm.

The Marshfield Sun Printing Museum 1049 N. Front St., Coos Bay (541) 267-3762 is a unique turn-of-the-century newspaper and job printing shop. This five-sided building contains all of the type

cases and printing equipment used by The Marshfield Sun newspaper, a weekly that began publication in 1891. It continued until 1944. At that time it was the oldest newspaper in Oregon continuously published by one editor. The museum also exhibits photographs of early Marshfield (now Coos Bay) and river transportation.

The Coos County Logging Museum 705 Maple, Myrtle Point (541) 572-1014. A permanent display contains tools, artifacts and photos of the early logging industry. Housed in a building that is a replica of the Tabernacle in Salt lake City, Utah, the collection includes nine large, hand carved myrtlewood panels depicting the glory days of logging in bas-relief. Open Memorial Day through Labor day, Monday through Saturday, 10:00am - 4:00pm.

Live Theatre

The area's lively theater community supports several year-round theaters including: [Little Theatre on the Bay](#) in North Bend, the [On Broadway Thespians](#) in Coos Bay, and the Waterfront Players Repertory Company in North Bend. Little Theatre On the Bay is the second longest-running community theatre in Oregon. Other area productions are staged by the [Bandon Playhouse](#), Lakeside Theatre Company, and the [Sawdust Theatre](#) of Coquille. Area high schools add a number of student productions each year.

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Festivals

Since 1978, the Oregon Coast Music Association has sponsored the annual Oregon Coast Music Festival, traditionally held the last two full weeks in July. Both residents and visitors enjoy the luxury of a nationally acclaimed, first-class music festival in a charming small town setting, and there is still time to explore and enjoy the Southern Oregon coast. The festival features everything from classical to jazz and folk performances in a variety of locations. A Community Concert series, with tickets sold by subscription, brings national and international music and dance groups to the area. Additional offerings throughout the year include occasional visits from the Oregon Symphony, the Eugene Symphony and other ensembles. The lively music scene is augmented by performers and venues ranging from national acts at The Mill

Casino to local groups playing jazz, rock and country music in many locations.

Another popular festival is the annual Bay Area Fun Festival held the third weekend in September. The festival features activities for all ages including a parade, quilt show, mountain bike race, the "Cruz the Coos" car cruise, vendor booths, a car show and the popular Prefontaine Memorial Run. The Prefontaine Memorial Run was established in 1979 to honor one of Coos Bay's favorite sons, Steve Prefontaine. The Pre Run is 10,000 meters in length and is held on a challenging course along one of Steve's favorite training routes. The Pre is the showpiece of the Bay Area Fun Festival.

Some other Area festivals/events include the Charleston Crab Feed in February, the South Coast Clambake Jazz Festival and the Miss Coos County Scholarship Pageant in March, the Charleston Oyster Feed in May, the

Lumberjack Competition in June, the North Bend July Jubilee, the Coos Bay Kiwanis Salmon Barbecue, Charleston Seafood Festival and Coos Bay's Blackberry Arts Festival in August. Surrounding area festivals include Bandon's Wine & Food Festival, Powers White Cedar Days, Reedsport/Winchester Bay's Ocean Fest and Kool Coastal Nights, Bandon's Cranberry Festival, Coquille's Gay 90's Celebration and Myrtle Point's Harvest Festival. Check the [Community Calendar](#) for dates and additional info.

OUR CGPORTAL PAGE

- In CGPortal click "UNITS"
- On the map, Click on Dist. 13
- Select North Bend

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