



United States Coast Guard Station Michigan City UNIT INFORMATION

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DISTRICT: Ninth Coast Guard District

UNIT NAME: Station Michigan City, Indiana

OPFAC: 09-30409 **DEPTID:** 000018

PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS:

(Your name)
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Michigan City, IN 46360

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WEB SITE: <http://www.uscg.mil/d9/sectlakemichigan/STAMichiganCity.asp> has minimal information. Visit the unit page on CGCentral for additional information at <http://cgcentral.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/home.do?pageTypeId=1610622420>. Some pictures within this Unit Information Sheet have links to various information websites; just click the pictures.

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Congratulations on your orders to Coast Guard Station Michigan City!

UNITS MISSIONS: Station Michigan City's primary mission is search and rescue. Secondary missions include law enforcement, homeland security, and marine environmental protection. In the winter months we are designated as an ice capabilities unit and train for rescue operations on the ice.

TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT: Newly assigned personnel will first qualify as a Communications Watchstander. Once certified as a watchstander you will be responsible for answering distress calls from boaters among many other duties. You will then begin the qualification as a boat crewmember where you will be responsible for lookout duties, acting as a helmsman, navigation, and various rescue evolutions. You may also act as a law enforcement boarding team member. Along with the qualification process to become a duty stander you will also be assigned to jobs that include building and grounds maintenance, boat maintenance, security duties, and many other duties that are necessary for the unit to maintain its' readiness.



TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT:

Assignments will be the same as those of a SA/SN and in addition will certify as a boat engineer and perform preventative maintenance. The boat engineer is the member of the boatcrew that is responsible for ensuring that the engineering systems are in proper working order to allow our response in carrying out our missions. This additional qualification requires a good working knowledge of all of the boat systems and the ability to follow procedures to repair or minimize casualties to the boat.



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WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN/FA/FN: After certification as a watchstander, typical rotation is 2 days on/2 days off with sliding weekends. (i.e. M/T duty, W/Th liberty, F/S/S duty then the following week would be M/T liberty, W/Th duty, F/S/S liberty).



SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AFTER HOURS: No special procedures are required, duty personnel are aboard 24/7, but reporting between 0800-2100 is advised. If you are flying into the area and require transportation, please advise the unit in advance to allow for a driver to meet you at the airport.

HOW MUCH PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE (IN CUBIC FEET): Very limited. 10-20 cubic feet of basement space may be temporarily available aboard the unit. One double door duty locker is also issued.

UNIFORM NORMALLY WORN DURING THE WORKING DAY:
Operational Dress Uniform

RECOMMENDED UNIFORM ITEMS IN ADDITION TO SEABAG ISSUE: The Winter Dress Blue uniform is optional.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
°C	-5.6	-3.5	2.7	9.1	15.2	20.5	22.7	21.6	17.8	11.3	4.5	-2.5	9.5
°F	21.9	25.7	36.9	48.4	59.4	68.9	72.9	70.9	64.0	52.3	40.1	27.5	49.1

UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP/PHONE NUMBER: BMC James Ellison 219-879-8547

WHAT TYPE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA: Purdue North Central

RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT:

Boatswain’s Mate (BM), Machinery Technician (MK), Food Service Specialist (FS), and Storekeeper (SK)



NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE:

Merrillville	35 Miles	West
South Bend	40 Miles	East
Chicago	60 Miles	West
Milwaukee	152 Miles	Northwest
Indianapolis	177Miles	South

LOCATION OF NEAREST MILITARY FACILITY AND DISTANCE:

Great Lakes Naval Training Center	93 Miles	West
CG Sector Field Office Grand Haven	120 Miles	North
CG Sector Lake Michigan (Milwaukee)	152 Miles	Northwest

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA: All major denominations are represented in the local area.

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AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY: Station Michigan City’s area of responsibility (AOR) is one of the smaller, but one of the busiest on Lake Michigan. Our area is a typical hotspot for Chicago commuters and residents to spend their weekends and the Indiana National Lakeshore is a vast stretch of sand dunes along the shore which attracts visitors from all over the country.



Officially, the Station Michigan City AOR is stated as follows; “encompassed by a line from the eastern Lake Michigan shoreline at 41° 53’ N, thence northwesterly to 42° 04’ N, 087° 00’ W thence southwesterly to shore at 087° 14’ W thence easterly along the shoreline to the point of origin.”

UNIFORM TO REPORT IN: Service Dress Bravo or Tropical Blue Long

IF SPONSOR NOT AVAILABLE, RECRUIT SHOULD ASK FOR: The Executive Petty Officer (XPO) or the Officer of the Day (OOD).

LOCAL ACTIVITIES: Activities such as skiing, snowboarding, deer hunting, and ice fishing are available in the winter months. During the summer there are many activities. There is a popular beach about ¼ of a mile from the station. The local community has festivals and weekend concerts in the park adjacent to the unit’s grounds. If you enjoy fishing, there are many inland lakes as well as Lake Michigan which offers excellent fishing for King Salmon, Coho, Steelhead, and Perch. Chicago has many activities available and there is a commuter train, the South Shore Line, which will take you downtown. The South Shore Line fare is free for active duty military.



Income	Michigan City	Indiana	National
Median Household Income	\$46,026	\$47,850	\$48,276
Average household Income	\$57,056	\$58,575	\$63,629
Per capita income	\$23,360	\$23,427	\$24,529
Median Disposable Income	\$39,613	\$40,840	\$41,133
Average Total Household Expenditure	\$47,559	\$48,332	\$50,898
Sales Tax Rate	6.00%	6.00%	N/A

MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS



IS MESSING AVAILABLE: Newly assigned members will receive \$294.43 (2008) for Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) which allows the private purchase of food or you may purchase meals from the Galley. There is one Food Service Specialist aboard that serves breakfast and lunch (M-F).

QUARTERS AND/OR BARRACKS AVAILABLE: No. All members receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH).

BAH RATE WITHOUT DEPENDENTS FOR AN E-2: \$655.00 (2008) **E-3:** \$655.00 (2008)

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE (for typical 18-20 year old):
SINGLE MALE: \$100+/month
SINGLE FEMALE: \$100+/month

IS UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: No

WHERE WILL A SINGLE NON-RATE MORE THAN LIKELY LIVE: Most live in one of the many apartment complexes in the community. Sponsors will be able to provide specifics.

SHOULD MEMBER SUBMIT HOUSING APPLICATION TO HOUSING OFFICE: No

WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK: Chase <http://www.chase.com>
USAA <http://www.usaa.com>

IS THERE A CREDIT UNION IN THE AREA:

None specifically for military or Coast Guard

IS THERE A MALL IN THE AREA:

Lighthouse Premium Outlet Mall
Marquette Mall
University Park Mall
Southlake Mall

Michigan City, IN
Michigan City, IN
South Bend, IN
Merrillville, IN



MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS



COST OF AN AVERAGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$550-\$800

BAH RATE WITH DEPENDENTS FOR AN;
E-2: \$852.00 (2008) **E-3:** \$852.00 (2008)

IS LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: No

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS LIVE: In addition to the local Michigan City area, there are several smaller communities within commuting distance. Some of these include: La Porte, New Buffalo, Three Oaks, Chesterton, and Valparaiso. It is advisable to live within 20-30 minutes of the Station.

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR A TYPICAL YOUNG FAMILY: \$150+ per month

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS GO TO SCHOOL:

Children: Duneland School Corporation – Chesterton, IN
 La Porte Community School Corporation – La Porte, IN
 Berrien County Intermediate School District – New Buffalo, MI
 Michigan City Area Schools – Michigan City, IN

Spouses: Purdue North Central
 Indiana University – North West
 Indiana University – South Bend
 Ivy Tech

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE: Medical Group of Michigan City

IS DENTAL COVERAGE AVAILABLE: Yes. You can enroll your dependents in the [Tricare Dental Program](#). Dependents can choose from many dentists that accept the United Concordia insurance. The Coast Guard has a contract for Active duty members with one local dentist that must be used for all routine dental work.

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IS IT ADVISABLE TO BRING DEPENDENTS ALONG WHEN REPORTING: There are no government provided temporary lodging in the area, but there is an abundance of apartments available on short notice. If you plan to buy or rent a house in the area, it may extend your temporary lodging expenses beyond a reasonable amount of time and it would be advisable to delay dependents travel. Ultimately, this is a personal decision.

PICTURES:



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