

Welcome Aboard USCG AIRSTA Cape Cod



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Commanding Officer's Welcome Letter

Congratulations and welcome to Air Station Cape Cod.

Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod was established in 1970 as one of several tenant commands at the Massachusetts Military Reservation when Air Station Salem, MA and Air Detachment Quonset Point, RI were consolidated here. Since the Air Force vacated the base in 1973 "Cape Cod Air" has evolved into the largest active-duty military command on the Massachusetts Military Reservation.



Air Station crews fly both helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft to perform a variety of Coast Guard missions. The primary mission, Search & Rescue (SAR), involves the protection of life and property in the offshore areas from the Canadian boarder to central New Jersey. Since 1970, Air Station Cape Cod each year has averaged 316 SAR cases, 110 lives assisted/saved, and \$15 million in property rescued. These statistics make "Cape Air" one of the busiest SAR units in the country.

On April 24, 1992 Air Station Cape Cod went operational with four Sikorsky HH-60J "Jayhawk" helicopters replacing the three HH-3F "Pelican" helicopters that served proudly. Air Station Cape Cod also employ's 4 HU-25 "Guardian" Falcon jets that came on line in 1982. All eight aircraft are used for multimission's to include, SAR, Maritime law/fisheries enforcement, Pollution response, Aids to Navigation support, Antidrug enforcement operations, Logistical support, and International ice patrol operations.

The Air Station encompasses over 1400 acres, 425 buildings, and 18.5 miles of paved roads. Our housing units provide homes for all five branches of the military, NOAA, and USPHS. The Coast Guard operates most support services on base including the medical clinic, base exchange, grocery annex, gas station/mini-mart, movie theater, child care center, chapel, golf course, gymnasium, temporary lodging, and the activities center that includes an All Hands Club, bowling alley, and snackbar. We have one of the largest support center in the Coast Guard, and provide support to over 1000 members and dependents annually.

You can find a wealth of additional information in this pamphlet, and what follows are several pages we have compiled that you may find helpful in planning your assignment to Air Station Cape Cod. Again, congratulations and welcome.



Captain Dave Throop, Commanding Officer

Ombudsman



Welcome to Cape Cod! My name is Nicole Schmalz, you may call me “Nikki” if you would like. I am the Air Station Ombudsman, and I also assist with families assigned to Sector South eastern New England. We have been stationed at Air Station Cape Cod for the past two and a half years and we love the area!

My husband is an HH-60 AMT and has been on the “Nights Crew” for one and a half years. You may see me around base, we live just around the corner from the CO and XO. I work part time at the Falcon Golf Course Snack Bar during lunch service. I will be returning to school in the fall at Quincy College in Plymouth and hope to complete my RN before we transfer.

Together we have 3 kids: Eddy 9, Rylee 6, and Bella 2. We enjoy outdoor adventures and doing anything active. This is our first experience living in on base housing, and our kids love the freedom!

What’s an Ombudsman you ask?

An Ombudsman serves as a link between a Coast Guard Command and the families of the command. An Ombudsman can assist families in locating resources, communicate information from the command to the families, and take concerns of the families to the command as an advocate for family members.

I would like to help you feel more at home with the area, so you can enjoy all the unique things it has to offer. Please contact me anytime, or stop by and say “Hi!”

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General Information

Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR)

<http://www.mmr.org>

As a military installation, the MMR has been used since National Guard training began on the Cape in 1911. During the 1940s, the base was activated by the U.S. Army and used to train and deploy troops being sent to fight in World War II. After the war, the reservation was transferred to the Department of the Air Force and is still often referred to as Otis Air Force Base. In the 1970s, the Army National Guard assumed operational control of Camp Edwards from the U.S. Army, while around the same time, Otis became Otis Air National Guard Base. The U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod was established on MMR in 1970 and in 2008 assumed full responsibility for all airfield operations on the base.

The MMR is home to five military commands, including the Massachusetts Army National Guard at Camp Edwards; the Massachusetts Air National Guard at Otis Air National Guard Base; the 253rd Combat Communications Group, also at Otis Air National Guard Base; the 6th Space Warning Squadron phased array radar site at Cape Cod Air Force Station; and the U.S. Coast Guard at Air Station Cape Cod. These military commands work to protect the land, sea, and air of the northeastern United States. In addition, many military units and service members who work and train at the MMR are participating in missions around the world.

Reporting

<http://www.uscg.mil/d1/airstacapecod>

Upon arrival onboard the Air Station, all personnel shall report on their first work day to the Quarterdeck (Bldg 3163), located on the CG Air Station campus, to receive a copy of the unit check-in sheet from the secretary. While various departments may require completion of a departmental specific checklist, this is a separate requirement from the unit checklist and does not take the place of the unit check-in.

Completion of the unit check-in will require the member to visit various departments at different locations aboard the Mass Military Reservation. Additionally, it will improve your familiarity with the base configuration and location of frequently visited locations.

Morale, Well-Being, and Recreation (MWR)

<http://www.mwrcapecod.com>

The MWR Administrative office is located in Building 5205 next to the Child Development Center. MWR provides a wide range of services, programs and activities to make your stay at Air Station Cape Cod enjoyable, entertaining, educational and relaxing. This MWR office houses the Ticket & Rental Office, Human Resource Liaison for MWR Employees and the Accounting Department for MWR finances. Beach passes for the local beaches are also loaned through this office with military ID (usually Memorial Day through Labor Day).

Exchange http://www.uscg.mil/d1/airstaCapeCod/moralestore/morale_store.asp

This CGES is comprised of the Main Exchange, Grocery and Package store, Mini-mart, convenience store, as well as 10 concessions providing a variety of services to military patrons. The exchange system here on base provides jobs for over 130 people, many of which are military members and their dependants. A portion of each sale made is funneled back into the community through the MWR program.

Kaehler Clinic <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/airstaCapeCod/services/medical.asp>

Kaehler Memorial Medical Clinic is the only military treatment facility on Cape Cod and the only military facility providing operational Aviation Medicine in New England. In addition to adult ambulatory medical and dental care, the clinic offers ambulance service, radiology, laboratory, pharmacy, physical therapy, oral surgery, occupational medi-

Housing <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/airstaCapeCod/inboundpersonnel/housing.asp>

Coast Guard and Department of Defense personnel occupy 508 family housing units on the Massachusetts Military Reservation. The Family Housing area is comprised of single ranch, single flat-top, and multiplex townhouse units with full basements and private yards in a wooded setting. Each housing site has adequate parking, and playgrounds are located within walking distance from each complex. Two chain-link-fence storage areas are available for recreational vehicle and boat storage.

Housing at Air Station Cape Cod is assigned by pay grade, family size, control date, and current Interservice Support Agreements in accordance with the Coast Guard Housing Manual. On-base housing is mandatory for Coast Guard personnel. Applications for release will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Members from other services must submit their housing applications to their local housing authority before securing housing in the private sector.

Due to high transfer rates during the summer, a moderate delay in housing assignment may be encountered for E-7 and above personnel. This is due to the limited housing available, the departure dates of outgoing personnel, and turn around time for each housing unit. Contact the Housing Office at (508) 968- 6505 as soon as possible after orders are received to Air Station Cape Cod.

Chapel <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/airstaCapeCod/services/chapel.asp>

The Chaplain's Office is charged with community building and your personal well being. This beautifully remodeled World War II Chapel is the focal point for the religious services here on the base. It is located on South Inner Road near the Falmouth gate. The chapel support buildings are the home for the Religious Education programs and the community center for the catholic congregation. They are also used for support group meetings. The chaplain is always available for personal or family counseling as well as spiritual direction. Appointments and other information can be obtained by calling our office at (508) 968-6341.

Wings Inn

http://www.mwrcapecod.com/wings_inn.php

We appreciate your patience during the renovation of our Wings Inn facility. While we do not have accommodations with single rooms and suites, we do currently have availability in our townhouse units on Lemay Ave! Our townhouse units have 3 or 4 bedrooms, and 1 or 1 ½ baths, respectively. Townhouses require a 3 night minimum stay. The units are furnished and we provide the linens; each unit has a laundry facility in the basement.

Please call for reservations. PCS Arrivals: 90 days prior to arrival. In season (1 April - 31 October), vacationers can reserve rooms, suites and townhouses 30 days prior to arrival. Winter (1 November - 31 March), vacationers can reserve 45 days prior to arrival. Townhouse reservations require a 3 night minimum stay).

Child Development Center

<http://www.mwrcapecod.com/cdc.php>

The Child Development Center (CDC) located at Air Station Cape Cod offers care for children 6 weeks to 6 years and a limited before school program for children attending Peebles Public School. Attendance options range from part day, part week to full time 7:00-5:00 Monday through Friday. The CDC is a child development center accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, offering all children an organized approach to learning through Creative Curriculum.

The goal of the CDC is to create learning environments that encourage young children to explore, experiment and discover the family, the community and the world. Routine child assessments create bridges of partnerships with our families and provide opportunities for sharing. The CDC serves morning and afternoon snacks and lunches on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Otis Notice

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

The Otis Notice is published by Lujean Printing Company and is the “unofficial newspaper” published in the interest of personnel at the Massachusetts Military Reservation. It can be picked up at the Exchange and Mini Mart.

Recycling Center <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/airstaCapeCod/services/recycling.asp>

Available Free of charge to Active Duty Coast Guard personnel & Housing residents. Stop in and get a household recycling collection bin today! Massachusetts Law requires that ALL recyclable materials be removed from trash and deposited in a recycling area.

Falcon Golf Course

<http://www.mwrcapecod.com/golf.php>

The Falcon Golf Course is a challenging nine hole (normally played as eighteen) facility with THE best rates available on Cape Cod. The course consists of two par 5, five par 4, and two par 3 holes (one of which is considered by many as the most difficult par 3 on the Cape). As an eighteen-hole course it is 6,706 yards long and has par of 72.

The Golf Course also encompasses a driving range and an excellent putting green. The pro shop offers golf carts, pull carts, rental clubs, and demo clubs.

Cape Cod National Seashore

<http://www.nps.gov/caco/index.htm>

Located on the outer portion of the Cape, Cape Cod National Seashore's 44,600 acres encompass a rich mosaic of marine, estuarine, fresh water, and terrestrial ecosystems. Forty miles of pristine sandy beach, marshes, ponds, and uplands support diverse species. Lighthouses, cultural landscapes, and wild cranberry bogs offer a glimpse of Cape Cod's past and continuing ways of life. Swimming beaches and walking and biking trails beckon today's visitors.

American Red Cross

<http://www.capecodandislandsredcross.org/>

The Red Cross is a critical part of the emergency response network on Cape Cod and the Islands. Our volunteers respond, teach, and care for our community when the need is greatest 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. We are expected to be ready at all times. We are here when help is needed most.

Vehicle Registration

<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/>

Massachusetts DOT has offices in New Bedford, Plymouth, and Yarmouth. Wait times for services can be obtained through the website, and many transactions can be handled online.

Nearby Airports

www.pvdairport.com/

<http://www.massport.com/logan-airport/>

The two most convenient airports for travel to and from Cape Cod are Logan, in Boston, and T.F. Green Airport in Providence, Rhode Island. Travel time to both airports is roughly equal. Fares will typically be cheaper to Logan, but parking costs are significantly more expensive. T. F. Green is much smaller and easier to navigate.

Training and Education

College classes are offered on base by Cape Cod Community College and the National Graduate School for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Completion programs. Please contact the Training & Education Office at 508-968-6440 for course offerings.

Town and School Information

Town of Bourne:
<http://www.townofbourne.com/>
Schools:
<http://www.bourne.k12.ma.us/>

Town of Sandwich:
<http://www.sandwichmass.org/>
Schools:
http://www.edline.net/pages/Sandwich_Public_Schools



Town of Falmouth:
<http://www.falmouthmass.us/>
Schools:
<http://www.falmouth.k12.ma.us/>

Town of Mashpee:
<http://mashpeema.virtualltownhall.net/>
Schools:
<http://www.mashpee.k12.ma.us/>

Telephone Directory

Calls begin with

(508) 968-XXXX

Command

CO 6300
 XO 6300
 DXO 6490
 COSEC 6300
 CEA/CMC 6325
 Admin Conf Room 6770

Quarterdeck

COMREL/Outreach 6804
 Public Affairs 6317

Duty Sections

OOD (508) 274-7927
 JOOD 6331
 FED (508) 274-7917/6500

General Information

6800/6331
 Galley/Mess Deck 6426
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 Fax 6311

Morale, Well Being and Rec

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 MWR Admin Fax 6686
 Activity Center Pool 6476
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 Child Development Cntr Fax 6427
 Golf Course Pro Shop 6453
 Fairway Snack Bar 6454
 Fairway Room Reservations 6478
 Movie Theatre 6585
 Movie Hotline 6452
 Recreation Specialist 6446
 Youth Programs 6446
 Ticket/Rental Office 6447
 Temp Quarters 6461
 NRFTC 6633
 Base Gym 5985

Kaehler Clinic

Appointments 6582
 After Hours 6700
 Tricare/HBA 6580
 Front Desk 6572
 Pharmacy 6702
 Pharmacy Refills 6571
 Physical Exams 6578
 Fax 6581

Environmental Health/Safety

Security 6370
 Hazmat 6502
 Recycling 6688
 OSHA Safety 6692
 Fire Safety 6323
 Public Safety 6370

Work Orders

HSG Maintenance Shop 6510/6509
 Off Base HSG 6495
 Fax 6491

Housing Officer

Front Desk Admin 6505
 On Base Assignment 6506
 On Base Family Inspection 6527
 On Base UPH Inspection 6507
 Fax 6511

Barracks

MAA: 6430 6430
 OOD Room 6421
 MAA Fax 6672

Barracks

MON-FRI 800- 753-7286
 SAT-SUN Emergency 800- 827-7777

Exchange

Barber Shop (508) 563-1071
 CG Exchange (207) 842-9197

History

In May of 1925, three of the Coast Guard's first seaplanes began operations at Ten Pound Island, near Gloucester, MA. The island became, in effect, the first CG Air Station, and later became a pilot training and communications testing facility.



With little room to expand at Gloucester, a new air station was established at Salem, MA in 1935. In 1941 air crews from Salem began flying neutrality patrols along the coast, and the war years saw the air station roster increase to 37 aircraft,

making it the second largest station on the east coast. On October 21, 1944 Air Station Salem was officially designated as the first US Air-Sea Rescue service on the eastern seaboard. In 1950, Air Detachment Quonset Point, Rhode Island was established as a sub unit of Air Station Salem.

During the 1950's, helicopters were introduced with a great deal of success as a rescue platform. With the development of the HH-52A, an amphibious helicopter, the need for a flying boat was lessened. Therefore, air stations having only water landing capabilities, such as Salem, were phased out.



In the 1960's, the Coast Guard began searching for a replacement facility, one that could grow as needed and accommodate modern aircraft. In 1968, the Department of Defense agreed to allow the Coast Guard to utilize Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod for a new Coast Guard Air Station. Air Station Cape Cod was officially established on August 29, 1970.

From 1970 until 2005, the Massachusetts Air National Guard maintained a significant aviation presence on the airfield and managed all aspects of airfield operations.

Most recently, the 102nd Fighter Wing sprang into action just minutes after the terrorist's attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, mobilizing more than 600 wing members for OPERATION Noble Eagle.

However in 2005, the Base Realignment and Closure Act set a path that transformed the 102nd Fighter Wing into the 102nd Intelligence Wing, redistributing their aviation resources to other units throughout the Air Force. This historical event eventually led ASCC to assume full responsibility for airfield operations beginning October 1st, 2008. While transforming the Cold War Vintage Air Force Base into a 100% operated Coast Guard Air Station, all aspects of airfield management to include maintenance, approach lighting, tower operations, weather forecasting, NAVAIDs and snow removal became the responsibility of ASCC.

