

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD STATION PORTLAND

UNIT INFORMATION: For Incoming Personnel

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Congratulations on receiving orders to Station Portland. We are excited to welcome you. The following is a brief overview of some key information that will be helpful to know in becoming familiar with the area. If you have any questions that are not answered here let your sponsor know. Also after your arrival if you could help out future people in their transfer by offering suggestions of ways to improve this guide.



COMMAND CADRE

OFFICER IN CHARGE: BMC Eaton

EXECUTIVE PETTY OFFICER: BM1 Atwood

ENGINEERING PETTY OFFICER: MK1 LAWRY

CO-LOCATED UNITS: Marine Safety Unit Portland
Coast Guard Cutter Bluebell

DISTRICT: 13

SECTOR: Columbia River

STATION CONTACT

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PORTLAND, OR 97217

WEBSITE: <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/staportland>

WELCOME ABOARD PACKAGES AND YOUR SPONSOR

A welcome aboard message from your sponsor will be sent after we receive notification of PCS; followed up by a welcome aboard package to the address listed in Direct Access. If you have not heard from your sponsor or the Station in a reasonable amount of time after receiving orders, you are encouraged to contact the Station. If you call after hours or on a day when your sponsor is not present ask to speak with the OOD, and the senior most petty officer in the department you are reporting to that is on duty. Also, the watchstander will be taking down your information so that we can make preparations for your arrival in which you should have the following items available before calling: your leave address, cell phone number, dependents information, mode of travel, dates/times of places you'll be between transfer, and whether you plan to take leave.



YOUR FIRST DAY

UNIFORM TO REPORT IN:

Summer (MAY-SEP): Tropical Blue Long **Winter (OCT-APR):** Bravos

REPORTING IN:

If you are flying into Portland, OR let your sponsor know the date/time, and flight information so they can meet you at the airport outside baggage claim with a government vehicle to provide transportation to the Station. You are not required to wear the Coast Guard uniform while flying and it is encourage that you wear civilian attire, but if you do choose to wear the uniform it must be Service Dress Blue.

If you are driving to Portland, OR it is encouraged you arrive at the station during the morning to allow time for checking in. Let your sponsor know the date you will be arriving so they can be present to facilitate your check in. Directions can be found by using MapQuest, Google Maps, or vehicle navigation systems to the address above.

Those that have not found housing prior to arrival will have the opportunity to stay in temporary lodging but will need to verify eligibility with the SPO before entitlement is given or you will make sleep in the station berthing.

If you run into problems or issues while traveling call the Station OOD ASAP.

Is it Advisable to Bring Dependents Along When Reporting?

New personnel are encouraged to transfer their families with them to the area; however, when initially checking into the unit, please do not bring family members onboard until check-in process is complete.

STATION OPERATIONS

UNIT MISSIONS:

Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, and Homeland Security

TYPICAL SA/SN QUALIFICATIONS:

Boat Crew, Boarding Team Member, Communications Watchstander, and GV Driver w/ Trailer

TYPICAL FA/FN QUALIFICATIONS:

Boat Crew, Boarding Team Member, Communications Watchstander, and GV Driver w/ Trailer

TYPICAL BM QUALIFICATIONS:

Boat Crew/Coxswain (Tactical), BTM/Boarding Officer, OOD



TYPICAL MK JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

Tactical/Boat Crew, BTM/Boarding Officer

WORK SCHEDULE:

Port and Starboard Duty

HOW MUCH PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE:

Each member is given two lockers to store their boatcrew gear, and personal effects while on duty. There is a refrigerator, and personal cupboard to store food while on duty.

UNIFORM NORMALLY WORN DURING THE WORKDAY:

Operational Dress Uniform.

RECOMMENDED UNIFORM ITEMS IN ADDITION TO SEABAG ISSUE:

Unit Sweat Shirt that can be purchased at the Exchange.

RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT:

BM, MK, GM/ME (Station) SK, EM, DC, FS, MST, HS, YN (MSU)

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:

We cover 123 river miles on the Willamette, and Columbia Rivers. Our AOR consist of the Puget Island to the East and Bonneville Dam to the West; both are located on the Columbia River. The Southernmost part of our AOR is the Oregon City Falls, on the Willamette.

PERSONAL ITEMS

UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP/ PHONE:

YN1 Scalzo at MSU SPO / (503)240-9318

MESSING (BAS):

Each member is given full BAS at the current government rate each month to provide for themselves. There is a limited galley on base, but most members chose to bring their own food. The station has a full kitchen for use while one duty.

HOUSING:

All members regardless of rank are entitled to BAH once they find a place to live after reporting in. There is no government housing available. At the commands desertion you may receive up to 10 days of house hunting to find a place to live, and complete the move of your household goods.



To see current BAH rates go to this website: <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm> Zip code: 97217

Station personal live throughout the Portland Metro area:

Vancouver (Washington)
Beaverton
Hillsboro
Cedar hills
Downtown (Most expensive)
Gresham

Sources for researching a place to live are Craigslist.com, or other online apartment guides.

AROUND THE AREA

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE:

SUMMER 70 WINTER 40

LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISARY:

There is a Coast Exchange on base. There are no commissaries within the local area. To find the nearest one go to: <http://www.militaryconnection.com/exchanges.asp> which are located in Astoria, WA or Ft. Lewis Army base near Tacoma, WA

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA:

This is a metro populous area so you should have no issues in finding a place of worship. Coast Guard Chaplain is located in Seattle, WA through the district office.

GROCERY STORES:

Stores range from local Co-op to large retail chains. Within driving distance of the Station there is Fred Meyers, and New Seasons.

WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK:

There is no short supply of banks in the Portland, and Vancouver Area though most people prefer to use USAA.

ARE THERE MALLS IN THE AREA:

Lloyd Center Mall (Downtownish)
Pioneer Square (Downtown)
Clackamas Town Center (Clackamas)
Washington Square Mall (Tigard)
Westfield Mall (Vancouver)



WHAT TYPE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA:

Portland State
University of Portland
Clark College
Portland Community

This is just a few, and many more can be searched for on the internet. We have a couple of people that are enrolled in college classes that will be more than will to help you in using your education benefits.

Transportation:

All members are allow to use their private vehicle to drive to and from the station. There is no requirement to have a U.S. Coast Guard decal on your vehicle nor is there an issuing office in the area. If a decal is on your vehicle you are allowed to keep it if you so chose. Those that would like a decal will have to travel at their own cost to Seattle for issuing.

Newly reporting members will be issued a front gate key card to allow access afterhours. Should you need to report in after hours, there is a call box that will ring at the station were you may request access to be let on board. A valid military ID card is required at all times to come aboard.

Portland offers public transportation through light rail, bus, and taxi. The Station is serviced by bus 85. For more information visit the Trimet website: <http://www.trimet.org/>

DEPENDENTS

Area Schools:

There are accessible public schools within Vancouver, Portland, and the surrounding area.

MEDICAL

WHAT LEVEL OF TRICARE IS AVAILABLE:

Tricare Prime Remote is offered. Visit <http://www.triwest.com> for more information. You will have to find a doctor in the area to be your primary care manager.

IS DENTAL AVAILABLE:

Yes, through United Concordia. You have to call them for a control number before making an appointment. You may go to any dentist in the area that accepts Tricare.

MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITY:

There is no local military medical facility but we do have an corpsman located at MSU.