

Ombudsman Corner

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Remembering the Crew of CG-6535

On March 8, 2012 the Coast Guard bid farewell to four of its own. In a memorial service held in Hangar 2 at Coast Guard Aviation Training Center Mobile, Ala., the service paid tribute to the crew of Coast Guard helicopter 6535 - Lt. Cmdr. Dale Taylor, Lt. J.G. Thomas Cameron, Chief Petty Officer Fernando Jorge and Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Knight.

“Dale, Tom, Nando and Drew answered the call,” said Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Bob Papp. “They stepped forward and dedicated their lives

to helping others – the only thing stronger than their desire to fly, was their desire to serve. And, they did serve – they served all of us.”

Eternal Father, Lord of hosts,
Watch o'er the men who guard
our coasts.

Protect them from the raging
seas

And give them light and life
and peace.

Grant them from thy great
throne above
The shield and shelter of thy
love.



Let us all take a moment and remember how special these men and all the men and women who serve in the Coast Guard are.

Special Points of Interest

- Make sure to RSVP for the Children's Easter Party by April 4th
- Coast Guard Ball April 21st
- Important Childcare Subsidy website links inside
- Read about our Spouse Clubs inside this issue

The Air Station on the Web

The Air Station has started its own Facebook page. If you are on Facebook you should check it out. You can keep track of the Air Station happenings and other interesting Coast Guard facts that are post on a regular basis.

<http://www.facebook.com/airStaAC>

Another important place to visit regularly is the Air Station website. There have been a lot of changes over the last few months and now is the time to go and take a look at it.

<http://www.uscg.mil/d5/airstaAtlanticCity/default.asp>

But we cannot forget our FB page, we spouses need a place

to go and be able to reach out to other in our area. The USCG Air Station Atlantic City Spouses is a great way for us to meet and get to know each other easily. If you are on face book and want to join just message someone in the group and we can add you.

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

Upcoming Events



There is always something going on for both the Air Station children and adults. Keep an eye out for more upcoming events in the future.

Easter Party

The children’s Easter party has been scheduled and looks to be a hopping good time for all. The party will be on April 7 at 10am- 12pm with the Easter Bunny’s visit beginning at 10:30. There will be two age groups for an Easter egg hunt and other activities. If you are interested in attending please **RSVP to LT Maria Adney at maria.r.adney@uscg.mil or (609) 813-8352 By April 4th**

And for the adults...

2012 Coast Guard Ball

Air Station Atlantic City will be hosting the 2012 Coast Guard Ball.

It will be held at the The House of Blues Ballroom at Showboat Atlantic City Hotel & Casino on April 21st.

Entertainment by AETC Keith Schiaffino& the Furious George Band as well as after-hours VIP access to the House of Blues ‘Foundation Room’ Club.

Those of you that are interested in attending or more information about this event please visit **WWW.WIX.COM/AMANDALEEHARRIS/ACCOASTGUARD-BALL2012**

MWR & Armed Forces Vacation Club

What MWR has to offer:

The Air Station has a really nice beach rental opportunity at Townsends Inlet for all to use. There are 4 bedrooms with separate bathrooms and dining living/dining area. You can rent a single room or the whole house. Space is limited and reservations are required. MWR also have canopy tents,

picnic tables (with or without benches), misc. sports equipment, turkey fryers, drink coolers (like Gatorade type with spout), large coolers, and car or travel trailer. To learn more about rental opportunities at Townsends Inlet or to borrow any of the items listed Air Station personnel can go to the MWR intranet link.

Armed Forces Vacation Club:

You can also find fantastic vacation deals through the Armed Forces Vacation Club. Why spend thousands of dollars for hotel rooms and eating out on your vacation when you have access to this great club. Learn more by visiting this website: **www.afvclub.com**

Spring is in the air. Soon it will be time to start planning your vacations. Here are some helpful ways to plan a great vacation!

Blue Ribbon Museum Program

Want to take the family to some great museums? The Blue Ribbon Museum Program has a great year round military discount for everyone in the family and an even better summer discount program. Check out their website now to see what museums are part of the year round program and check back soon to learn more about the 2012 summer program. Here are some of the museums

that participate:
 Please Touch Museum- Philadelphia, PA
 The Museum of Modern Art- New York, NY
 Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum-New York, NY
 Corcoran Gallery of Art- Washington, DC
 Plus many more.
<http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index2011.php>

Military Discount Resource List:

Also check out the Ombudsman page for the Military discount list that was put together to help you save money around our local area.

If you don’t see a business on the list you know gives the military a discount let me know and I will add it.



Everyone enjoys a nice day at a museum and it is even better when you can do it with a discount.

Spouse Clubs

The spouses of Air Station Atlantic City have started or are starting several great groups and are always looking for others to come and join in the fun.

Photography Club

Aneta Drey and Trish Koch have started a photography club and have a FB page dedicated to it. New members are always welcome. You can find the USCG Air-station Atlantic City Photography Club at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/284668671604009/>

Running Club

Krystle Wallace is going to be starting a walking/running group that will meet every Tuesday and Thursday at Estelle Manor Park. Moms with strollers are wel-

come as well as anyone else that just wants to get out and enjoy the nice weather and get some exercise. For more information you can contact Krystle at 203-231-0947 or email

krystle.m.wallace@gmail.com

Bunco Club

The spouses have been getting together for a monthly Bunco night for a while now and have such a fun time. It is a great way to get to know the other wives and maybe come home with some extra cash! If you are interested in being a part of the festivities contact Mary Bartolotta at

To get on the invite list.

Play Date Phone Tree

Now that the weather is starting to get

nice again I would love to develop a play date phone tree. If you are interested in becoming part of this phone tree send me your contact information, sex/age of child and where you live. When I start getting responses I will forward list to all interested and you can start scheduling play dates.

I know there are some of you living closer to Philadelphia that would be interested in starting to meet other spouses out that way. If you are interested in starting up a phone tree for that area let me know and I would be happy to help.

Also any other ideas for clubs or workshops are welcome..

BudList and Air Station Yard Sale

The BudList is up and running. Our first publication was in the month of February and I just did an update this past week. If there is anything you would like to put on sale or a home business you would like to promote just send the information to me and I will be happy to get it in to the next update. I try to get all submit-

tals by the last week of each month.

I had a spouse come to me with the idea of an Air Station group yard sale. If would like to know how many people would be interested in going forward with this and we will work on getting a date and location.



The trees are starting to bud and the flowers are blooming

It is time for spring cleaning.

List those unwanted items on the BudList and let's set up an Air Station yard sale

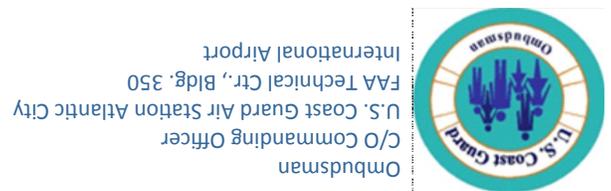
The New NCR Housing

On Feb 21st, all crews deploying to the National Capital Region Air Defense Facility (NCRADF) in Washington DC moved from temporary housing on Joint Base Anacostia Bolling to government contracted housing at The Concord apartment complex in Crystal City, VA. This important change makes sense and is a major improvement on many levels. Located less than one mile from the NCRADF, The Concord has two bedroom / two bath apartments with full kitchens, an exercise facility, swimming pool, and all of the amenities one would expect of a new complex. Equally important, the location eliminates the crews having to cross through busy Washington DC traffic to

get to and from the ADF, which preserves our ability to maintain operational readiness even in the worst weather and during any significant National Security event.

Overall, The Concord represents a major improvement for our crews safety and habitability. Check out the website if you'd like to see more:

http://concordcrystalcity.reachlocal.com/?scid=1379246&kw=8847834&pub_cr_id=5966856800



Child Care Subsidy Program and Other Childcare Links

In February it was announced that the subsidy program family income cap had been raised which brought some questions to the forefront. To help answer those questions I am including some links to the subsidy program and other military programs that are offered.

U.S. Coast Guard Child Care Subsidy Program
<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/102063>

Child Care Overview
<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104494>

Office of Work-Life Programs - Child Care
http://uscg.mil/worklife/child_care.asp

Layette Program
<http://www.cgmahq.org/Programs/lay.html>

All links can be found on the Ombudsman website.

Ombudsman Website Helpful Links

CG Spouses Site

<http://coastiechicks.net/>

Military Spouse Education

<http://www.militaryfamily.org/get-info/spouse-education/>

National Military Family Association

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

Military Spouses Corporate Career Network

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

Work Life 4 You

<https://www.worklife4you.com/index.html>
(Screen Name: uscg / Password: uscg)

PCS America

www.pcsamerica.net

Visit the Ombudsman website for more links