

COAST GUARD GROUP

GALVESTON

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ORIENTATION GUIDE



<http://www.uscg.mil/d8/groups/grugalv/gruhome.html>

DIRECTIONS TO GROUP GALVESTON

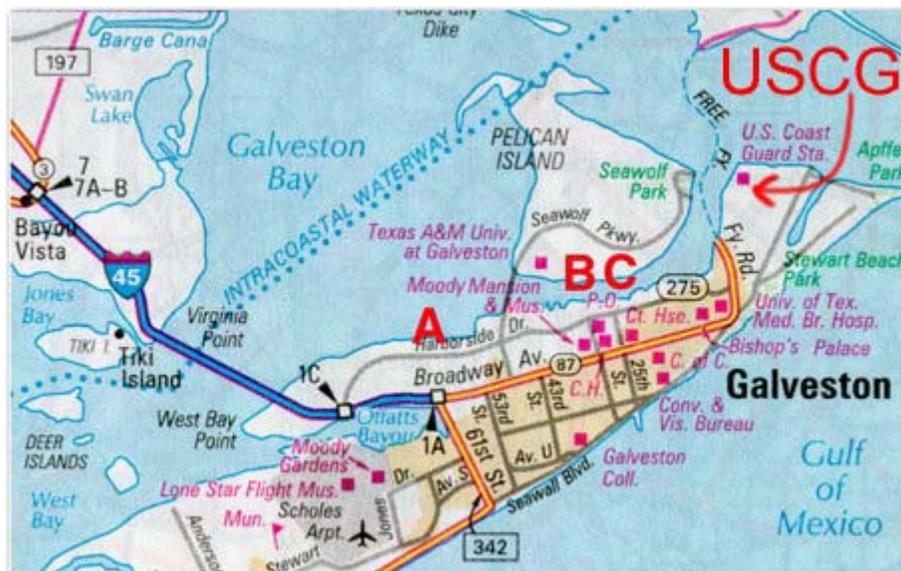
Coast Guard Group Galveston is located on the east end of Galveston Island. If you are coming to the Group via Interstate 45, the easiest way to get to the Group is after you cross the causeway, stay straight on I-45 which will turn into Broadway, a major road in Galveston. Stay on Broadway until the road dead ends on Seawall Boulevard (you will see a McDonald's slightly off to your right). Take a left on Seawall and go down two traffic lights, the second light will be Ferry Road. Turn left on Ferry Road. You will go through one traffic light and then will turn right at the Shell station (the only gas station on Ferry). Take that road until it dead ends at the Group.

If you are coming over to Galveston on the ferry, as soon as you drive off the ferry get in the left hand lane, drive a mile or so and then turn left at the Shell station. Take that road until it dead ends at the group.

Here is the address and some contact numbers at the Group:

COAST GUARD GROUP GALVESTON
P. O. BOX 1912
(PHYSICAL ADDRESS – 1 FERRY ROAD)
GALVESTON, TX 77553

Admin	409-766-4747
OOD	409-682-0142
Operations	409-766-5620
MAA	409-766-5677
Medical	409-766-5661



GROUP GALVESTON INFORMATION

GROUP SUB-UNITS:

Station Galveston
409-766-5633

Station Sabine
409-971-2195

Station Freeport
979-233-7551

USCGC MANOWAR
409-766-5679

USCGC HERON
409-971-2198

USCGC SKIPJACK
409-766-4780

ANT Galveston
409-766-5666

ANT Sabine
409-971-2524

USCGC CLAMP
409-766-5682

USCGC HATCHET
409-766-5684

USCGC MANTA
979-233-0572

TENANT UNITS:

USCGC DAUNTLESS
409-766-5687

ESD
409-766-5631

USCGC HARRY CLAIBORNE
409-766-5690

OTHER AREA UNITS:

MSU Galveston
409-766-5400

**MSST 91104
409-941-8114**

**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
409-766-3002**

Group Galveston has a Coast Guard Exchange that is open Monday through Friday from 0900 until 1700, and on Saturdays from 0900 until 1500. There are no major commissaries in the Houston/Galveston area.

The Blackthorn Building houses a weight room and an adjoining cardio room. The gym is open seven days week from the hours of 0600 to 2200.

MILITARY HEALTH CARE

Welcome

The Coast Guard Health Services Clinic at Group Galveston is designed to serve active duty personnel for routine care. Please insure you check in with the clinic staff upon arrival and check out prior to departure.

Phone Numbers

Galveston Dental: (409) 766-4722

Ellington Dental: (281) 929-2799

Galveston Duty Corpsman: (409) 682 4456

Ellington Duty Corpsman: (281) 924 1126

Hours of Operation

**Galveston: 0700-1530 Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
Ellington: 0700-1530 Thursdays only
CALL 409-766-5661 FOR APPOINTMENTS**

Steps For After Hours Emergency

Contact the duty HS (phone numbers posted above) and notify him/her of your symptoms. Then a determination will be made as to what kind of treatment you will require and the best place to receive that treatment.

Links

Ellington Field

14657 Sneider St.

Houston, TX 77034

<http://www.mapquest.com>

Dental Insurance Website

<http://www.ucci.org>

Tricare Pharmacy Locator

<http://member.express-scripts.com/pharmacyLocator/openPharmacyLocator.do?portal=dodCustom&net=1991>

Dr Scruggs

<http://www.gulfcoastoms.com>

The University of Texas Medical Branch
301 University Boulevard
Galveston TX 77555
(409) 772-1011
<http://www.utmbhealthcare.org>

Clear Lake Regional Medical Center
500 Medical Center Blvd.
Webster, TX 77598
Phone: (281) 332-2511
<http://www.clearlakermc.com>

HOUSING INFORMATION

Coast Guard housing is currently undergoing many changes. Group Galveston has a Regional Housing Representative (RHR), which currently is FS1 Michael Lee for the Galveston area. Your unit chain of command, the Group Admin Officer and the District Housing Officer should be considered additional resources if you have concerns or problems that the RHR cannot satisfy. All applications for leased housing and vacating notices should be sent to FS2 Lee. He can be contacted at 504-628-5179, or e-mail:

Mlee@MSOHouston.uscg.mil

MAIL SERVICES

DON'T FORGET TO FORWARD YOUR MAIL! Make advance preparations and arrangements to ensure your command and postal authorities know where to forward your mail.

RESIDENTIAL: Go to the current post office that delivers your mail and pickup a Movers Guide. This kit contains a "**Change-of-Address**," PS Form 3576. Time the submission of this address change to coincide with your departure. This kit also contains additional forms to "forward" magazines.

MAIL POLICY AT COAST GUARD COMMANDS. Section 2-G of the Postal Manual allows commands to receive personal mail for a member for only a limited period (no more than 60 days), or until a permanent home address is established. Group will hold your mail or boxes for you until you report. Thereafter, you are expected to "change the address" by informing family, creditors, subscriptions, etc. of your permanent home address.

There are a number of post offices and mail service centers on Galveston Island. They are located at the following addresses:

[The Galveston Mailroom](#), 409-744-4447, 2705 61st St Ste B, Galveston, TX 77551

[Bob Lyons Galveston](#), 1-800-ASK-USPS, 5826 Broadway St, Galveston, TX 77551

[Galveston Main Office](#), 1-800-ASK-USPS, 601 25th St, Galveston, TX 77550

[W Galveston Branch](#), 409-737-2663, 16602 San Luis Pass Rd, Galveston, TX 77554

[Univ Of Texas Medical Branch Cpu#1](#), 409-747-3262, 301 University Blvd, Galveston, TX 77555

TEMPORARY LODGING

Galveston Island is a bustling tourist town so there are many hotels and motels available to you once you get into the area. They range from the basic accommodations to luxury four-star hotels. Here is a short list of phone numbers of the more popular spots and related web links:

Motel 6	409-744-3794
Comfort Inn	409-762-1166
Super 8	409-740-6640
Holiday Inn	409-744-7379 and 740-3581
La Quinta	1-800-531-5900
Best Western	409-740-1261

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

(A Galveston lodging reservation service)

<http://www.galveston.com/lodging/>

(Galveston Island Convention and Visitor's Bureau)

<http://www.texasoutside.com/galveston/galveston.htm>

(Another Galveston guide)

LINKS TO HURRICANE INFORMATION

[National Hurricane Center](#)

[FEMA Tropical Storm Watch](#)

[Hurricane Dynamics](#)

[Hurricane.Com](#)

[USA Today - Guide to Hurricanes](#)

[WeatherCenter.com](#)

[Hurricane and Tropical Storm Tracking](#)

[The Weather Channel - Tropical Update](#)

[Earthwatch.com](#)

[Tropical Weather/Hurricane Information](#)

[Worst Texas Hurricanes of the 20th Century](#)

COAST GUARD GROUP GALVESTON HURRICANE LETTER

<http://www.uscg.mil/d8/groups/grugalv/documents/hurrLetter.pdf>

2004 HURRICANE PACKAGE (PDF)

**[http://www.uscg.mil/d8/groups/grugalv/documents/2004GalvestonHurricanePackage.p
df](http://www.uscg.mil/d8/groups/grugalv/documents/2004GalvestonHurricanePackage.pdf)**

CITY OF GALVESTON

INFORMATION

GENERAL ISLAND INFORMATION

Galveston Island is technically a barrier reef island, joined to the mainland by bridges on the western end and northern sides and a ferry system on the eastern. It is approximately 32 miles long and nearly 2 miles wide at its widest point. Most of Galveston's approximately 60,000 residents are located in the City of Galveston at the eastern side of the island. The western region consists of considerably more open space, beaches and marshlands.

The climate in Galveston is considered semi-tropical, averaging 57 degrees F for a high in the winter months and 81 degrees F in the summer. Rain is common and often heavy in the summer months. Hurricane season begins 1 June and continues through 30 November. Galveston has a history of devastating hurricanes and has a comprehensive evacuation plan in place should it be needed. The Coast Guard conducts annual evacuation training for its members and their dependents just prior to the beginning of the hurricane season.

Commuting between Galveston and Houston is normally accomplished by use of one major freeway, Interstate 45. The distance from city to city is approximately 50 miles. Coast Guard personnel enjoy life in many of the communities located between the two cities immediately off the interstate. As with any metropolitan area, traffic is greatest at peak hours. Rush hour traffic in Galveston normally moves well except in inclement weather. During periods of extended torrential downpour, some roads are closed and traffic is diverted to alternate routes. Houston boasts of being the only major city in the country whose traffic delay times have decreased steadily 10 years in a row. Nevertheless, it is suggested that traffic in and near Houston during peak hours be avoided if at all possible. Interstate traffic is also subject to peak hour congestion, but moves rather well throughout the day. Construction, weather (fog and rain), accidents and major social events can adversely impact traffic flow.

FACTS ABOUT HOUSTON & THE SURROUNDING AREA

While Houston is the 4th largest city in the United States, it is easy to find neighborhoods that project a small town image. Greater Houston and surrounding suburbs cover just short of 600 square miles of land, with a population of approximately 1.6 million people. The entire metro area, which includes Galveston Island and Brazoria, has a combined population of 4.2 million, which ranks Houston 10th in overall population in the nation.

But don't let the size or population fool you. In the 1980's Houston's traffic was, well let's be honest - "miserable." Since that time, industry and government have worked hard to make Houston the only major city in America that has improved its traffic flow. With hundreds of miles of freeways and toll-ways, Houston has more miles of high occupancy vehicle lanes than any other U.S. city. Also easing the pressure on commuters is Houston's Metro bus and rail system, which ranks 9th in size nationally, as opposed to 20th in 1984. With nearly 1300 buses on the job, Houston moves 280,000 passengers every weekday. It is no wonder that of the top 30 major cities, Houston is the only one to post a decrease in traffic congestion in the last 10 years.

Houston enjoys diversity in culture, with more than 90 languages spoken. It is the second largest U. S. port for domestic tonnage and the largest for foreign tonnage. The cost of living is among the lowest in the nation for major cities. Houston is the home to the Johnson Space Center (NASA), has the youngest median age of any major city at 30 years, and is governed by the people via a Mayor and 14 city council members who are elected for two-year terms.

FACTS ABOUT TEXAS

TEXAS: From the Native American word "tejas", meaning "friendly".

STATE MOTTO: "Friendship"

STATE BIRD: Contrary to popular belief, it is not the mosquito, but rather the Mockingbird.

STATE TREE: Pecan

STATE FLOWER: Bluebonnet

CAPITAL CITY: Austin

POPULATION: Approximately the same as Australia - 18.2 million

MOUNTAINS: Texas has 91 mountains that exceed one mile in height, all of them in the Trans-Pecos region of the state.

HIGHEST POINT: 8,751' - Guadalupe Peak

AREA: Texas is 267,339 square miles in size, 801 miles north to south and 773 miles east to west. Some interesting and surprising observations about the vastness of Texas:

- 15 of our smaller states can fit within the borders, with 1,000 square miles left over.
- Brewster County, largest county of the 254 counties in Texas, is larger than the state of Connecticut.
- Texas has more fresh water lakes and streams (approx. 6,000 sq. mi.) than all the other states in the country, except for Alaska.
- If it were possible to accomplish, enough homes could be built on standard size city lots to accommodate 1.5 billion families of four - which is about the world's population.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND IMPORTANT GALVESTON PHONE NUMBERS AND WEB LINKS

Chamber of Commerce: 621 Moody Avenue, Galveston, TX 77550
409-763-5326.

City of Galveston: 2504 Church 409-763-6564

Galveston Visitors Bureau: 1-888-425-4753

Sheriff (Non-Emergency) 409-766-2300

Police (Non-Emergency) 409-797-3700

Poison Center 1-800-222-1222

EMERGENCY 911

Utilities

<http://www.reliantenergy.com/residential/> Make sure to inform them that you are Coast Guard – they may waive the deposit fee.

Telephone Service

www.swbell.com

City of Galveston Home Page

www.galveston.com

Galveston Chamber of Commerce

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

Texas tourist "stuff"

www.traveltex.com

U.S. Post Office (good moving info)

www.usph.gov

Trip maker on-line service

www.mapquest.com

Galveston Daily News (newspaper)

www.galvnews.com

Houston Chronicle (newspaper)

www.chron.com

Coast Guard Group Galveston

www.uscg.mil/d8/groups/grugalv/gruhome.html

AREA APARTMENT LOCATORS

<http://www.gulfapartmentlocators.com/>
(Gulf Apartment Locators 1-888-763-0067)

<http://www.galveston.apartmentlocators.com/>
(Galveston Apartment Locators 1-800-435-7368)

<http://www.firsthoustonapartmentlocators.com/>
(Houston Bay Area Locator 281-990-7777)

REALTORS

<http://www.galvestonlandtx.com/business/buisopp/realestate.htm>
(This link will lead you to a huge list of area realtors)

Area Schools

<http://www.galveston-schools.org/>
(Galveston School District)

<http://www.gc.edu/>
(Galveston College)

<http://www.tamug.tamu.edu/>
(Texas A & M Galveston)

<http://www.utmb.edu/>
(University of Texas Medical Branch)

<http://www.com.edu/>
(College of the Mainland)

WEBSITE FOR GALVESTON AREA CHURCHES

<http://www.galveston.com/religion/>

TEXAS VEHICLE AND LICENSING INFORMATION LINK

<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/hp/motorist.htm>

HOUSTON/GALVESTON Radio Stations

- [KILT, Sports, 610 AM](#) **UPDATED!**
- [KIKK, Business News, 650 AM](#) **NEW**
- [KSEV, News/Sports/Talk, 700 AM](#) **NEW**
- [KTRH, News/Sports/Talk, 740 AM](#)
- KBME, Big Band, 790 AM
- KEYH, Spanish, 850 AM
- KJOJ, Vietnamese, 880 AM
- [KYST, Spanish, 920 AM](#)
- [KPRC, News/Sports/Talk, 950 AM](#)
- KRTX, Spanish News/Talk, 980 AM
- [KLAT, Spanish News/Talk, 1010 AM](#)
- [KKHT, Christian Talk Radio, 1070 AM](#)
- KNUZ, Spanish Religious, 1090 AM
- KTEK, Religious, Vietnamese, 1110 AM
- KYOK, Gospel, 1140 AM
- KGOL, Asian, 1180 AM
- KQUE, Spanish Music, 1230 AM
- KXYZ, Spanish News/Talk, 1320 AM
- KWWJ, Gospel, 1360 AM
- [KCOH, R&B, 1430 AM](#)
- [KLVL, Spanish Religious, 1480 AM](#)
- KANI, Gospel, 1500 AM
- KYND, Spanish Religious, 1520 AM
- KILE, Spanish Religious, 1560 AM
- KMIC, Radio Disney, 1590 AM

FM Stations

- KJIC, Southern Gospel, 88.1 FM
- [KUHF, Houston's Classic Choice, 88.7 FM](#)
- [KSBJ, Christian, 89.3 FM](#)
- KACC, Alvin Community College, 89.7 FM
- [KPFT, Pacifica, 90.1 FM](#)
- [KTSU, Texas Southern University, 90.9 FM](#)
- KPVU, Prairie View A&M University, 91.3 FM
- [KTRU, Rice Radio, 91.7 FM](#)
- [KRTS-FM, Classical, 92.1 FM](#)
- [KKBQ-FM, Country, 92.9 FM](#)
- [KOVE, Spanish Adult Contemporary, 93.3 FM](#)
- [KKRW, Rock Oldies, 93.7 FM](#)
- [KTBZ, Alternative Rock, 94.5 FM](#)
- [KIKK-FM, Country, 95.7 FM](#)
- [KHMV, Adult Pop Rock, 96.5 FM](#)
- [KKTL-FM, Pop Oldies, 97.1 FM](#) (Simulcast of KLDE)
- [KAYD, Country, 97.5 FM](#)
- [KBXX, Urban Contemporary, 97.9 FM](#)
- [KTJM, Rhythmic Oldies, 98.5 FM](#)
- [KODA, Adult Contemporary, 99.1 FM](#)
- [KILT-FM, Country, 100.3 FM](#)
- [KRTX, Top 40, 100.7 FM](#)
- [KLOL, Album Rock, 101.1 FM](#)
- [KMJQ, Urban Contemporary, 102.1 FM](#)
- [KLTN, Spanish, 102.9 FM](#)
- [KJOJ-FM, Rhythmic Oldies, 103.3 FM](#) (Simulcast of KTJM)
- [KRBE-FM, Top 40, 104.1 FM](#)
- [KHCB, Christian, 105.7 FM](#)
- [KQOK, Tejano, 106.5 FM](#)
- [KHPT, 80's, 106.9 FM](#)
- [KLDE, Pop Oldies, 107.5 FM](#)

HOUSTON/GALVESTON TV STATIONS

- [KPRC-TV, NBC Network Affiliate, Channel 2](#)
- [KUHT, Houston Public Television, PBS Affiliate, Channel 8](#)
- [KUHT-DT, Houston Public Television, PBS Affiliate, Channel 9](#)
- [KHOU, CBS Network Affiliate, Channel 11](#)
- [KTRK, ABC Network Affiliate, Channel 13](#)
- [KETH, Trinity Broadcasting Network \(Religious\) Affiliate, Channel 14](#)
- [KTXH, UPN Network Affiliate, Channel 20](#)
- [KLTJ, Religious Programming, Independent, Channel 22](#)
- [KACY \(Low Power\), Spanish Independent, Channel 24](#)
- [KRIV, Fox Network Affiliate, Channel 26](#)
- [KRIV-DT, Fox Network Affiliate, Channel 27](#)
- KCVA, Home Shopping Station, Independent, Channel 30
- [KHOU-DT, CBS Network Affiliate, Channel 31](#)
- [KTRK-DT, ABC Network Affiliate, Channel 32](#)
- KTFH, PAX Affiliate, Channel 33
- [KPRC-DT, NBC Network Affiliate, Channel 35](#)
- [KHWB-DT, WB Network Affiliate, Channel 38](#)
- [KHWB, WB Network Affiliate, Channel 39](#)
- [KXLN, Univision Affiliate \(Spanish\), Channel 45](#)
- [KTMD, Telmundo Affiliate \(Spanish\) Channel 48](#)
- [KPXB, PAX Affiliate, Channel 49](#)
- KNWS-TV, Independent, Channel 51
- KNWS-DT, Independent, Channel 52
- KVVV (Low Power), Independent, Channel 53
- [KTBU, Independent, Channel 55](#)
- KAZH, Independent, Channel 57
- KZJL, Home Shopping Station, Shop at Home Affiliate, Channel 61
- KHSH, Home Shopping Station, Home Shopping Network Affiliate, Channel 67

LINK TO TIME WARNER CABLE SERVICES

<http://www.twchouston.com/customer/centers.html>

SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES TO CITY AND TOWNS LOCATED NORTH OF GALVESTON ISLAND.

ALVIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY INFO:

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

<http://www.welcometoalvin.com/alvin/>

CLEAR LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY INFO:

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

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

DICKINSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY INFO:

281-337-3434-COC

<http://www.ci.dickinson.tx.us/>

FRIENDSWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY INFO:

<http://www.friendswood-chamber.com/>

<http://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/>

HITCHCOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY INFO:

409-986-9224 - COC

<http://www.pe.net/~rksnow/txcountyhitchcock.htm>

La MARQUE & TEXAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY INFO:

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

<http://www.texas-city-tx.org/>

SANTA FE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CITY INFO:

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

<http://www.ci.santa-fe.tx.us/index.php>