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SUBJ:XXXXXXXXXXXX

1. ON BEHALF OF THE CREW AT STATION CHARLEVOIX, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME YOU. THE STATION IS LOCATED ON THE PINE RIVER BETWEEN LAKE CHARLEVOIX AND LAKE MICHIGAN. OUR CREWS PERFORM A VARIETY OF MISSIONS FROM SEARCH AND RESCUE TO MARITIME LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ICE RESCUE. BERTHING IS AVAILABLE FOR DUTY SECTION PERSONNEL AND LIMITED UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL HOUSING FOR OUR SINGLE SAILORS NEW TO THE AREA. DUTY IS THE STANDARD PORT AND STARBOARD WITH SLIDING WEEKEND. THE BILLET STRUCTURE OF THE UNIT IS COMPRISED OF A BMC AS THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, BM1 AS EXECUTIVE PETTY OFFICER, MK1 AS ENGINEER PETTY OFFICER 09 DECKIES AND 05 ENGINEERS. THE UNIT OPERATES A 45' RB-M AND A 25' RB-S.

2. CHARLEVOIX, A CITY ON THREE LAKES, IS A SMALL TOWN COMBINING ITS RESORT-TOURISM TRADITION WITH A GROWING INDUSTRIAL, YEAR-ROUND EMPLOYMENT BASE. YOUR TOUR HERE WILL CONVINCEN YOU THAT WATER AND LAND TRULY COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A FINER PLACE TO MEET. THE CITY AND SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS HAVE A TOTAL POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 8,500 YEAR-ROUND RESIDENTS AND SWELLS TO AN ESTIMATED 30,000 PEOPLE IN THE SUMMER. CHARLEVOIX'S NATURAL RESOURCES MAKE IT A RECREATIONAL PARADISE FOR ANYONE WHO ENJOYS SPENDING TIME OUTDOORS EITHER ON LAND OR ON THE WATER. IN ADDITION TO CHARLEVOIX'S NATURAL ATTRACTIONS, THERE ARE OTHER ATTRACTIONS SUCH AS SHOPPING, DINING AND A WIDE VARIETY OF SPECIAL EVENTS WHICH TAKE PLACE EACH YEAR IN THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY KNOWN AS "CHARLEVOIX THE BEAUTIFUL". PASS UNDER THE DRAWBRIDGE INTO THE "BIG LAKE" FOR THE BEST SALMON AND TROUT FISHING. ALSO, IF YOU ARE INTO BASS FISHING, LAKE CHARLEVOIX AND SURROUNDING LAKES HAS SOME OF THE BEST SMALLMOUTH FISHING IN THE MIDWEST. STROLL PAST UNIQUE HAND-CRAFTED STONE AND WOOD "MUSHROOM HOUSES" OR DOWN FIVE MILES OF PETUNIA-LINED STREETS. WALK TO FOUR PUBLIC BEECHES, DOWNTOWN, THE FAMED HARBOR AND MANY ACCLAIMED RESTAURANTS. CHALLENGE ONE OF DOZENS OF NEARBY GOLF COURSES.

3. YOUR SPONSOR WILL BE XXXXXXXXXXXX. SPONSORS CAN BE REACHED AT (231)547-2565/3095.

4. ALL MEMBERS REPORTING FORM UNITS OTHER THAN BOOT CAMP NEED TO REPORT WITH ALL THEIR SURVIVAL GEAR AND THEIR AF-538.

5. HOUSING IN THIS AREA IS QUITE COSTLY AND CAN BECOME OVERWHELMING ON YOUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE. IF YOU ARE SINGLE YOU WILL MOST LIKELY BE ASSIGNED GOVERNMENT LEASE APARTMENTS. FOR THOSE MARRIED FOLKS, THE ECONOMY IS OUR ONLY OPTION.

6. THE TRANSITION RELOCATION MANAGER (TRM) FOR THE NINTH DISTRICT IS MRS. THERESA HENRY. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT (216)902-6355 OR (800)872-4957, EXT. 309. E-MAIL ADDRESS IS MILDRED.T.HENRY@USCG.MIL. MS. HENRY WILL ASSIST YOU IN COMPLETING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT, WHICH IS A CRITICAL STEP IN IDENTIFYING SPECIAL NEEDS, SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT ISSUES, HOUSING REQUIREMENTS, AND ANY UNIQUE FAMILY NEEDS.

7. AGAIN, WELCOME ABOARD AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL.
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