



**United States Coast Guard
Station Michigan City
Unit Information**

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DISTRICT: Ninth Coast Guard District

UNIT NAME: Station Michigan City

OPFAC: 09-30409 **DEPTID:** 000018

PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS:

(Your Name)
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Michigan City, IN 46360

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WEB SITE: <http://uscg.mil/d9/sectLakeMichigan/STAMichiganCity.asp> has minimal information.

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Congratulations on your orders to Coast Guard Station Michigan City!



UNIT MISSIONS: Station Michigan City's Primary mission is Search and Rescue. Secondary missions include Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, and Marine Environment Protection. In the winter months we are designated as an Ice Rescue capable unit.

TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT: Newly assigned personnel will first qualify as a Communications Watchstander. Once certified as a watchstander, you will be responsible for answering distress calls from boaters among many other duties. You will then begin the qualification as a boat crew member where you will be responsible for lookout duties, acting as a helmsman, navigation, and various rescue evolutions. You may also act as a law enforcement boarding team member. Along with the qualification process to become a duty stander you will also be assigned to jobs that include building and ground maintenance, boat maintenance, security duties, and may other duties that are necessary for the unit to maintain its readiness.

TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT: In addition to the assignments of a SA/SN, a FA/FN will certify as a boat engineer and perform preventative maintenance. The boat engineer is responsible for ensuring that the engineering systems are in proper working order for mission readiness. This additional qualification requires good working knowledge of all of the boat systems and the ability to follow procedures to repair or minimize casualties to the boat.



WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN/FA/FN:

HOW MUCH PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE (IN CUBIC FEET): Very limited. 10-20 cubic feet of basement space may be temporarily available aboard the unit. One double door duty locker is also issued.

UNIFORM NORMALLY WORN DURING THE WORKING DAY: Operational Dress Uniform

UNIFORM TO REPORT IN: Tropical Blue

UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP/PHONE NUMBER: BMC Rebecca Polzin, 219-879-8547

REPORTING AFTER HOURS: No special procedures are required, duty personnel are aboard 24/7, but reporting between 0800-2100 is advised. If you are flying into the area and require transportation, please advise the unit in advance to allow for a driver to meet you at the airport.



IF SPONSOR NOT AVAILABLE, RECRUIT SHOULD ASK FOR: The Executive Petty Officer (XPO) or the Officer of the Day (OOD).

IS IT ADVISABLE TO BRING DEPENDENTS ALONG WHEN REPORTING?: There are no government provided temporary lodging in the area, but there is an abundance of apartments available on short notice. If you plan to buy or rent a house in the area, it may extend your temporary lodging expenses beyond a reasonable amount of time and it would be advisable to delay dependents travel. Ultimately, this is a personal decision.

IS MESSING AVAILABLE?: Newly assigned members will receive **\$325.04 (2011)** for Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) which allows the private purchase of food or you may purchase meals from the Galley. There is one Food Service Specialist aboard that serves lunch and dinner (M-F)

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Station Michigan City's area of responsibility (AOR) is one of the smaller, but one of the busiest on Lake Michigan. Our area is a hotspot for Chicago commuters and local residents to spend their weekends and the Indiana National Lakeshore is a vast stretch of sand dunes attracting visitors from all over the country. Station Michigan City's AOR is officially; "encompassed by a line from the eastern Lake Michigan shoreline at 41° 53' N, thence northwesterly to 42° 04' N, 087° 00' W thence southwesterly to shore at 087° 14' W thence easterly along the shoreline to the point of origin."



2010 Average Temperatures Per Month											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
23°F	27°F	38°F	49°F	60°F	69°F	74°F	72°F	64°F	53°F	40°F	28°F

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS LIVE?:

In addition to the local Michigan City area, there are several smaller communities within commuting distance. These include: La Porte, New Buffalo, Three Oaks, Chesterton, and Valparaiso. It is advisable to live within 20-30 minutes of the Station.

NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE		
Merrillville	35 miles	West
South Bend	40 miles	East
Chicago	60 miles	West
Milwaukee	152 miles	Northwest
Indianapolis	177 miles	South

WHERE WILL A SINGLE NON-RATE MORE THAN LIKELY LIVE?: Most live in one of the many apartment complexes in the community. Sponsors will be able to provide specifics.

2011 BAH RATES		
E-2	\$702.00	\$933.00
E-3	\$702.00	\$933.00
E-4	\$702.00	\$933.00
E-5	\$822.00	\$987.00
E-6	\$900.00	\$1200.00

IS UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE?: No

COST OF AN AVERAGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$550-\$900

IS LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE?: No

SHOULD MEMBER SUBMIT HOUSING APPLICATION TO HOUSING OFFICE?: No

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA: All major denominations are represented in the local area.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES: Activities such as skiing, snowboarding, deer hunting, and ice fishing are available in the winter months. During the summer there are many activities. There is a popular beach about ¼ of a mile from the station. The local community has festivals and weekend concerts in the park adjacent to the unit's grounds. If you enjoy fishing, there are many inland lakes as well as Lake Michigan which offers excellent fishing for King Salmon, Coho, Steelhead, and Perch. Chicago has many activities available and there is a commuter train, the South Shore Line, which will take you downtown. The South Shore Line fare is free for active duty military.

IS THERE A MALL IN THE AREA:

- Marquette Mall Michigan City, IN
- University Park Mall South Bend, IN
- Southlake Mall Merrillville, IN
- Lighthouse Premium Outlet Mall Michigan City, IN

WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK:

- Chase Bank: <http://www.chase.com>
- USAA: <http://www.usaa.com>
- Wells Fargo: <http://www.wellsfargo.com>
- Fifth Third Bank: <http://www.53.com>

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS GO TO SCHOOL?

Children

- Duneland School Corporation – Chesterton, IN
- La Porte Community School Corporation – La Porte, IN
- Berrien County Intermediate School District – New Buffalo, MI
- Michigan City Area Schools – Michigan City, IN

Spouses

- Purdue North Central – Westville, IN
- Indiana University Northwest – Gary, IN
- Indiana University Northwest – South Bend, IN
- Ivy Tech - Michigan City, IN

