

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. Be sure to contact your sponsor if you have any questions that are not answered here. 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: BMCS Eaton

EXECUTIVE PETTY OFFICER: BM1 Didaleusky

ENGINEERING PETTY OFFICER: MK1 Lawry

CO-LOCATED UNITS: Marine Safety Unit Portland **DISTRICT:** 13 **SECTOR:** Columbia River
Coast Guard Cutter Bluebell

STATION CONTACT

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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 required to contact the Station before departure from prior unit. If you call after hours or on a day when your sponsor is not present, ask to speak with the OOD. 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 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 through MapQuest, Google Maps, or vehicle navigation systems to the address above.

Those eligible for BAHand needing to find a place to live will be allowed boarding in the Stations duty berthing until housing is found.

If you run into 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 the 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, OOD



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 Mendez 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 at MSU for use while on or off duty, but most members chose to bring their own food. The station has a full kitchen for use while on duty.

HOUSING:

There is limited government housing for non-rated personnel. Those not directed to government housing, and petty officers are provided BAH,

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

Station personnel live throughout the Portland Metro area:
Vancouver (Washington), Beaverton, Hillsboro, Cedar hills, and Downtown (Most expensive)

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



SPO AND ADMIN POC:

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ID CARD:

There are three ID DEERS offices in the area: The National Guard unit next to the PDX airport, there is an officer in Vancouver, WA that is staffed by a Civilian and located in the reserve center, and an office located next door to the station at the Navy Reserve Center.

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 AND RESTURANTS :

Stores range from local Co-op to large retail chains, and assortment of restaurant.. Within driving distance of the Station there is a Fred Meyers and New Seasons grocery store, a 7-11 minuet mart, and McDonalds, Subway, Terriaki, and Taco Bell Resturants.

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, University of Portland, Clark College (Vancouver), and Portland Community College

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 allowed 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:

All active duty members and families will utilize a civilian Primary Care Manager for medical care, and insurance will be through Tricare Prime Remote. Upon arrival, the Active Duty Manager will need to contact Triwest to have coverage transferred or setup; it is not automatic.

IS DENTAL AVAILABLE:

Yes, through Metlife for Active Duty members and family. Active Duty Members: you have to call them for a control number before making an appointment. You may go to any dentist in the area that accepts our insurance.

MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITY:

There is no local military medical facility, but there a corpsman located at MSU.