

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can I get my pre-transfer questions answered?

A: You will be assigned a sponsor from the station that can answer any remaining questions you might have. If your sponsor is not available, contact the unit at (252) 335-6086 and ask to speak to the OOD.

Q: What are the recommended/mandatory uniform items?

A: You are expected to report with and maintain at all times a complete sea bag in accordance with the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations COMDTINST M1020.6 (series).

Q: Where is the station located?

A: The physical and mailing address is:
USCG Station Elizabeth City
Support Center Elizabeth City, Building 53
1664 Weeksville Highway
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

To find the Support Center, mapquest.com is a good resource.

Q: How much space will I have at the unit?

A: You will have a standard sized wall locker for storage of your overnight or 'duty' bag. There is also a refrigerator and cupboards for food, as the unit itself does not have a galley.

Q: Is there messing available?

A: There is a galley on base, and members attached to this unit receive BAS. The galley schedule and rates vary, for most up-to-date information, contact your sponsor.

Q: Is it advisable to bring pets with me when checking in?

A: Due to the time it can take to find a home and get settled in, bringing your animals with you is not recommended.

Q: Is Coast Guard housing available?

A: No, barracks rooms are available temporarily until appropriate housing is located.

Q: Where can I find information regarding schools for my children?

A: A good resource is <http://www.ecpps.k12.nc.us/>.

Q: What are the BAH rates for Elizabeth City?

A: Please visit <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/perdiem/bah.html>. Your duty zip code will be 27909.

Q: Where can I find more information about available housing and rental units?

A: There are myriad websites available via the internet. It is recommended that you contact a local realtor for information on purchasing a home.

Q: How can I get more information on the area itself?

A: Again, the internet is a great resource. To aid in your search, we are located in Pasquotank County, neighbored to the west by Perquimans County, and on the east by Camden County.

Q: How can I put my name on the school list?

A: E-2's and E-3's can normally place their names on any list they are qualified for after four months onboard, unless that requirement is waived for the rate they choose ('critical rate'). This command also requires being qualified on at least one platform. It is also important to be aware that once on the list, wait times can vary dramatically depending on the school you're interested in. If you have any doubts about your qualifications for a specific school, the Support Center Educational Services Officer can provide assistance. Striking at the station is not recommended due to the limited scope of operations/platforms at the unit.

Q: What higher education opportunities are available in the area?

A: There are several; College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City State University, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, to name a few. There are also many distance learning opportunities available. For more information, contact the Support Center Educational Services Officer.

Q: What will I be expected to qualify in once reporting?

A: E-2's and E-3's will be expected to qualify as Communications Watchstander within 14 days of reporting, Boat Crewmember 45 days (per platform) following that, and Boarding Team Member 30 days after qualifying as Boat Crewmember. Petty Officers are also expected to qualify as Boarding Officer's and Officer's of the Day. In addition, Boatswain Mates are expected to qualify as Coxswains.

Q: What rates are assigned to the unit?

A: Boatswain Mate (BM) and Machinery Technician (MK) Store Keeper (SK)

Q: What do people do outside of work for recreation?

A: While Elizabeth City is a smaller city, there is still plenty to do. There is plenty of fishing and hunting around. There is a small movie theater, limited shopping, a few night club, and several restaurants/bars. There is also the Outer Banks (OBX), which is about an hour away and a popular summertime destination. The activity and history-rich Hampton Roads area (Norfolk, Suffolk, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach) is an hour to an hour and a half north. Busch Gardens Theme Park is located about an hour and a half north in Williamsburg. Busch Gardens also offers the Salute to Heroes program that offers free admission to active duty and up to three dependants once a year. Many members go to the Greenbrier Mall in Chesapeake, VA, about a 45 minute drive, to see movies, for shopping, and dining.

The Support Center [Morale, Well-Being, and Recreation \(MWR\)](#) also offers discounted tickets to area attractions, recreation equipment rental, and more.

Q: Will the station allow me time to look for a place to live?

A: The Coast Guard does have allotments for up to ten days house-hunting time that is not charged against leave, but there are two things that are important to know. First, this is at command discretion, and is NOT an entitlement. Second, and perhaps more important, this MUST be set up by the command executing your orders (not Station Elizabeth City). For more information, see your Servicing Personnel Office (SPO).