

UNIT NAME: USCGC BISCAYNE BAY (WTGB 104)

“Sentinel of the Straits”

UNIT INFORMATION

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District 9

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UNIT's MISSIONS: ICEBREAKING, PORTS AND WATERWAY SECURITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT: THE TYPICAL JOB FOR A SA/SN ON BOARD IS TO GET INPORT WATCHSTANDER QUALIFIED. YOU WILL BE GIVEN 1 MONTH TO COMPLETE THAT. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE 6 MONTHS TO FINISH YOUR SEOPS BOOK FROM THE DAY YOU REPORT. OTHER THINGS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF YOU WILL BE : HELMSMAN, BEARING TAKER, LOOKOUT, SOUND POWERED PHONE TALKER, AND QMOW.

TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT: THE TYPICAL JOB FOR A FA/FN ON BOARD IS TO GET INPORT WATCHSTANDER QUALIFIED. YOU WILL BE GIVEN 1 MONTH TO COMPLETE THAT. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE 6 MONTHS TO FINISH YOUR SEOPS BOOK FROM THE DAY YOU REPORT. OTHER THINGS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF YOU WILL BE: UNDERWAY OILER

INPORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN/FA/FN: USUALLY YOU WILL STAND 1 IN 3 OR PORT AND STARBOARD TILL YOU ARE QUALIFIED INPORT WATCHSTANDER. TYPICAL ROTATION ONCE QUALIFIED VARIES FROM 1 IN 4 TO POSSIBLE 1 IN 6.

UNDERWAY WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN: HELMSMAN, BEARING TAKER, LOOKOUT, SOUND POWERED PHONE TALKER, AND POSSIBLY QMOW. THE ROTATION VARIES BETWEEN A 1 IN 2 OR 1 IN 3.

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UNDERWAY WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR FA/FN: UNDERWAY OILER. THE ROTATION VARIES BETWEEN 1 IN 2 OR 1 IN 3.

SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AFTER HOURS: CONTACT THE SHIP PRIOR TO ARRIVAL VIA LAND LINE NUMBERS. IF YOU CALL AND GET AN ANSWERING MACHINE THEN WE ARE AWAY FROM THE PIER AND YOU WILL NEED TO CONTACT THE SHIP VIA CELL PHONE: (216) 310-7617. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE BECAUSE WE ARE UNABLE TO CHECK OUR MESSAGES WHILE UNDERWAY.

IF UNIT IS UNDERWAY, WHERE TO REPORT: DEPENDING ON THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WHEN YOU CALL THE SHIP AND WHEN THE SHIP WILL BE BACK INPORT, REPORT TO THE STATION SAINT IGNACE OOD (906-643-6402).

HOW MUCH PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE: EACH PERSON WILL BE GIVEN A LOCKER IN BERTHING THAT IS 20 CUBIC FEET (60”H/24”W/22”D). EACH PERSON WILL ALSO BE ASSIGNED A RACK THAT HAS 7.5 CUBIC FEET OF STORAGE UNDERNEATH. THE SLEEPING AREA IS 78”LONG BY 28”WIDE.

UNIFORM NORMALLY WORN DURING THE WORKDAY: OPERATIONAL DRESS UNIFORM

RECOMMENDED UNIFORM ITEMS IN ADDITION TO SEABAG ISSUE: NON-RATES LIVE ON BOARD THE CUTTER BUT WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE INTO A GOVERNMENT LEASED HOUSING UNIT WITH SOME OF THE OTHER NON-RATES. IF YOU CHOOSE TO BRING ITEMS HERE YOU MAY HAVE TO KEEP THEM IN STORAGE UNTIL YOU ARE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE INTO ONE OF THE UNITS.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE SUMMER: 68 F WINTER: 10 F

UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP/ PHONE #: FULL ESO SERVICES ARE OFFERED ON BOARD AND THE XO CAN ASSIST YOU IN MAKING CONTACT WITH SECTOR ADMIN.

WHAT TYPE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA: THE LOCAL AREA HAS LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY, AND DISTANT LEARNING OR CLEP TESTS ARE AVAILABLE ON BOARD. OPPORTUNITIES ARE UNFORTUNATELY LIMITED, DUE TO THE SHIP’S BUSY OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE.

RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT: BM, EM, MK, FS

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NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE: CHEBOYGAN, MI & SAULT STE MARIE ARE THE TWO BIGGEST CITY IN THE AREA WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 20,000. THE NEXT LARGEST WOULD BE TRAVERSE CITY WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 100 MILES AWAY.

NAME OF NEAREST MILITARY FACILITY AND DISTANCE: AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY

LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISARY: SECTOR SAULT STE MARIE HAS A SMALL EXCHANGE WITH LIMITED UNIFORM ITEMS, ELECTRONICS, AND SNACKS. AIR STATION TRAVERSE CITY HAS A LARGER EXCHANGE THAT OFFERS MORE UNIFORM ITEMS, CIVILIAN ATTIRE, ELECTRONICS, SOME GROCERIES ECT...

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA: CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT

IF A CUTTER, COMMON DESTINATIONS OF DEPLOYMENTS: LOCAL AOR CONSISTS OF ST. MARY’S RIVER AND THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC. HOWEVER, BISCAYNE BAY TYPICALLY SAILS ALL 5 GREAT LAKES REGULARLY.

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IF NOT A CUTTER: N/A

UNIFORM TO REPORT IN: SDB BRAVO FROM 01 OCT TO 01 APR AND TROPICAL BLUE LONG FROM 01 APR TO 01 SEP.

IF SPONSOR NOT AVAILABLE, RECRUIT SHOULD ASK FOR: XO

ANY OTHER INFORMATION A NEWLY ARRIVING APPRENTICE NEEDS TO KNOW: CALL AHEAD TO LET SPONSOR KNOW WHAT YOUR ORDERS SAY FOR REPORTING DATE. ESTABLISH A DEFINATE REPORTING DATE AND LOCATION WITH THE UNIT PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR SAINT IGNACE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

SOME ACTIVITIES TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA ARE: SWIMMING, BOATING, WATER SKIING, SCUBA DIVING, ICE SKATING, SNOWMOBILING, HOCKEY, CROSS-COUNTRY AND DOWN HILL SKIING, BOWLING, PICNICKING, HIKING, CAMPING, HUNTING, FISHING. THERE IS A GOLF COURSE, INDOOR ICE RINK, NATIONAL FOREST, NUMEROUS WINTER AND SUMMER FESTIVALS AND VEGAS STYLE ENTERTAINMENT AVAILABLE AT THE KEWADIN CASINO.

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MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

IS MESSING AVAILABLE: YES

QUARTERS AND OR BARRACKS AVAILABLE: YES

**COST OF AVERAGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE AREA: \$650.00
WITH OR WITHOUT UTILITIES: WITHOUT**

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL 18-20 YR OLD: \$250.00/MONTH

IS UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: YES.

WHERE WILL A SINGLE NON-RATE MORE THAN LIKELY LIVE: ON BOARD THE CUTTER UNTIL OPPORTUNITY IS PRESENTED TO THEM TO MOVE INTO A GOVERNMENT LEASED APARTMENT.

SHOULD MEMBER SUBMIT HOUSING APPLICATION TO HOUSING OFFICE: NO . IF MARRIED (YES), PLEASE LET SPONSOR KNOW, THEN WE CAN GET AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED.

WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK: USAA, NAVY FEDERAL CREIDT UNOIN, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ST IGNACE

IS THERE A CREDIT UNION IN THE AREA: YES, U.P. STATE CREDIT UNION

IS THERE A MALL IN THE AREA: NO.

HOW MANY STORES: ALL STORES ARE LOCAL SHOPS. GROCERY, PHARMACY, WOMAN'S CLOTHING STORE, TOURIST SHOPS, JEWELRY STORE, PASTIE SHOPS.

MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS

**COST OF AVERAGE TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE AREA: \$650.00
WITH OR WITHOUT UTILITIES: WITHOUT**

BAH RATE WITH DEPENDENT FOR AN E2: \$804.00 E3: \$804.00

IS LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: NO

IS GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING AVAILABLE: YES

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WHAT IS THE AVERAGE WAIT FOR HOUSING **VARIES**

HOUSING OFFICE PHONE# (906) 643-6402 **FAX#**

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS LIVE: CG HOUSING

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL YOUNG FAMILY: \$80.00/MONTH

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE: STRAITS AREA HOSPITAL. SEVERAL FAMILY DOCTORS AND PEDIATRICIANS WORK OUT OF THE HOSPITAL. FOR SPECIALIZED SERVICES, MEMBERS TYPICALLY GO TO WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (SOO), CHEBOYGAN HOSPITAL OR PETOSKY HOSPITAL.

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS GO TO SCHOOL: LA SALLE SCHOOL IS THE LOCAL AREA SCHOOL. HOWEVER THERE IS ANOTHER PUBLIC OPTION AT GROS CAP SCHOOL (K-8) 5 MILES WEST OF ST IGNACE.

WHAT LEVEL OF TRICARE IS AVAILABLE: TRICARE PRIME REMOTE

IS DELTA DENTAL AVAILABLE: YES, CEDARVILLE OR CHEBOYGAN (BOTH APPROX 25 MINUTES AWAY)

IS IT ADVISABLE TO BRING DEPENDENTS ALONG WHEN REPORTING? YES