

UNIT INFORMATION

DATE SHEET FILLED OUT: 22JAN14 District 9

UNIT NAME: USCGC MACKINAW (WLBB 30)

PERSONAL MAILING ADDRESS: Commanding Officer
 USCGC MACKINAW (WLBB 30)
 632 Coast Guard Dr.
 Cheboygan, MI 49721
 Attn: SA *****

IN PORT PHONE: (231) 597-2030

FAX: (231) 597-2039

UNDERWAY PHONE: (231) 445-0812

E-MAIL: You will be given computer access and an email account. You will be able to send and receive email underway.



CUTTER MISSIONS: The Coast Guard is required by law to maintain a heavy ice breaking capability on the Great Lakes to assist in keeping channels and harbors open to navigation in response to the reasonable demands of commerce to meet the winter shipping needs of industry. In addition to heavy icebreaking, the USCGC MACKINAW (WLBB 30) has state of the art systems and multi-mission capabilities that include; maintenance of aids to navigation (ATON), conduct law enforcement and search and rescue as well as the ability to deploy an oil skimming system to respond to oil spill situations and environmental response. Our

deployments will range from one day to six weeks. Visit our unit webpage for more information. <http://www.uscg.mil/d9/cgcMackinaw/default.asp>.

CREW ASSIGNED: 10 Officers, 48 Enlisted.

TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENTS: Members of Deck Force will work on the buoy deck; assist with line handling, launching and crewing of small boats, anchoring, towing, interior/exterior maintenance, messcook, preservation of survival systems and small boats. Qualifications include: lookout, in port security/quarterdeck watchstander, boat coxswain/crewman, damage control repair party member, cutter rescue swimmer, boarding team member, ATON rigger and ice rescue team.

IN PORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN: In port Quarterdeck Watchstander: Stand a break-in rotation of 1 of every 3 days until qualified, and then stand 1 of every 6-8 days.

UNDERWAY WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN: Lookout or Anchor Watch, 1 in 4 rotation (4 hours on watch, 12 hours off watch).

HOW MUCH PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE: Once you



report aboard you will live onboard and will have the opportunity to earn assigned government housing. Storage space onboard is limited, members will have one standing locker, some storage space under the rack and a shared sea bag locker. Single members should refrain from bringing household good items such as furniture, large televisions and stereos until assigned berthing ashore.

UNIFORM NORMALLY WORN DURING THE WORKDAY: Operational dress uniform with Standard Coast Guard ball cap.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE SUMMER: 75 F WINTER: 20 F

RECOMMENDED UNIFORM ITEMS IN ADDITION TO SEABAG ISSUE: Will be provided by the unit.



UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP/ PHONE: Representative available onboard.

WHAT TYPE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA: DSST and CLEP courses are available through the Educational Services Officer. North Central Michigan College in nearby Petoskey, MI and Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste Marie, MI.

RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT: BM, MK, EM, DC, SK, FS, YN, HS, IT and ET.

NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE: Mackinaw City 20 min, Traverse City 2 hours, Petoskey 45 min, Gaylord 45 min, Sault Ste Marie 1.5 hours.

NAME OF NEAREST MILITARY FACILITY AND DISTANCE: CG AIRSTA Traverse City (2 hours), CG Base Sault Ste Marie (1.5 hours), Camp Grayling (Michigan Nat'l Guard) (1.5 hours).

LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISARY: USCG exchange in both Traverse City and Sault Ste Marie. There are no commissaries in the local area.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA: Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Christian Reformed, Christian Science, Church of Christ, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Church of Nazarene, Congregational, Episcopal, Evangelical, Methodist, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Wesleyan.

COMMON DESTINATIONS OF DEPLOYMENTS: Chicago, Grand Haven, Milwaukee, Sault Ste Marie, Mackinaw City, Duluth, Marquette, Thunder Bay Canada, Detroit, Windsor Canada, Sarnia Canada, Port Huron, Owen Sound Canada, Cleveland, and Toledo.

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY: Entire Great Lakes region.

ANY OTHER INFORMATION A NEWLY ARRIVING APPRENTICE NEEDS TO KNOW:
Workday In port: 0745-1600.
Days away from homeport: 172 (avg.).

Days in homeport: 193 (avg.).
Work days in homeport: 133 (est.).
Holiday Routine days in homeport: 60 (est.).

WHERE TO REPORT: When you receive orders to MACKINAW contact your sponsor or BMC Villarreal hector.r.villarreal@uscg.mil or CWO Berg richard.d.berg@uscg.mil for important transportation information.

TRANSPORTATION: Reporting locations will depend on your dependent status. Contact your sponsor for information.

UNIFORM TO REPORT IN: Service Dress Bravo or Tropical Blue Long.

HOW TO REPORT: Call ahead to your sponsor. He or she will meet you upon your arrival or if not available, will arrange for another crewmember to meet you. If you have questions and can't reach your sponsor, contact the Officer of the Day aboard the cutter.

MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

IS MESSING AVAILABLE: Yes, onboard.

QUARTERS AND OR BARRACKS AVAILABLE: Yes.

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE: Varies depending on vehicle and driving record. For typical 18-20 year old SINGLE MALE/FEMALE: \$150 - \$200 / month.

IS UNACCOMPANIED
PERSONNEL LEASED
HOUSING AVAILABLE: No.

WHERE WILL A SINGLE NON-
RATE MORE THAN LIKELY
LIVE: Onboard.

SHOULD MEMBER SUBMIT
HOUSING APPLICATION TO
HOUSING OFFICE: Members
who report with dependents are
eligible for government housing.
Submit a housing application to
your sponsor as soon as possible to
ensure housing will be open upon
your arrival.



WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK: Several area banks.

IS THERE A CREDIT UNION IN THE AREA: Straits Area Federal Credit Union and Calcite federal Credit Union.

IS THERE A MALL IN THE AREA: Traverse City (2 hrs), Sault Ste Marie (1.5 hrs).

MAJOR STORES IN AREA: Wal-Mart and Kmart. More shopping in Gaylord, 45 miles South.

MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS

COST OF AVERAGE TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE AREA: \$600 without utilities.

BAH RATE FOR AN E2/E3: There is usually no BAH for non-rates. Non-rates without dependents usually live in government housing which consists of a town house, housing 2-4 persons and comes fully furnished. Non-rates with dependents usually stay in the same government housing. BAH is available for persons not living on government housing. The current rate for BAH is \$726/ month without dependents and \$960/ month with dependents.

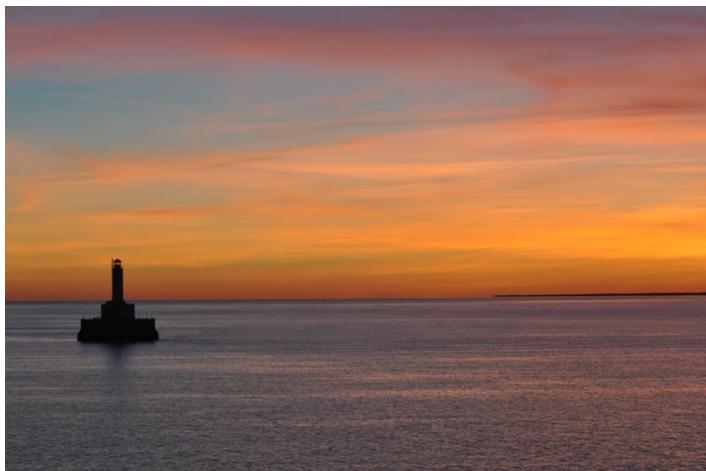
IS LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: No.

IS GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING AVAILABLE: Yes. Members should fill out a housing application (CG-5267) and a dependent's BAH worksheet (CG-4170A). Fax both documents to the housing officer 35 days prior to reporting. The average wait for housing is 0-2 months.

HOUSING OFFICE PHONE: Onboard ship.

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS LIVE: Coast Guard Owned housing (27 units available).

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR FAMILY: \$205/ month depending on record, vehicle and age.



WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE: McLaren Hospital- Cheboygan Campus members enrolled in TRICARE Prime-Remote.

LOCAL AREA SCHOOLS: Public Schools include: (1) High School 9-12, (1) Middle School 5-8, (2) Elementary Schools - East (K-1), and West (2-4). Private Schools include Bishop Baraga Catholic elementary, Cornerstone Christian, and St John Lutheran (231) 627-5149 (PK-2).
College: North Central Michigan College

has some classes locally. 231-597-0322

WHAT LEVEL OF TRICARE IS AVAILABLE: TRICARE PRIME- REMOTE 1-877-874-2273

IS MET-LIFE DENTAL AVAILABLE: Yes.

PHARMACIES ACCEPTING TRICARE: Kmart, Wal-Mart, and Modern Pharmacies.

IS IT ADVISABLE TO BRING DEPENDENTS ALONG WHEN REPORTING? Only if housing is available, call ahead. Temporary housing other than local hotels/motels is not available. In the summer it can be expensive and difficult to find.

COMMENTS FROM NEWLY REPORTING MEMBERS: The town of Cheboygan does provide activities along with Mackinaw City, which is approximately 20 minutes north. The ship sponsors year round moral boosting sporting events such as softball, football, golf, basketball, and also offers other recreational activities. Snow skiing, ice hockey, ice fishing, bowling, hunting and riding snowmobiles are popular activities during the winter season. There are several state and national parks or forests that

contain great trails for running, hiking, biking, and cross country skiing. Many of these parks contain picturesque waterways that are navigable by kayak or canoe and are open for fishing.

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INFO COMCOGARD SECTOR SAULT STE MARIE MI

SUBJ: SPONSOR NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR ##### SR, USCG

1. ##### 231 597 2030 SHIP SAT PHONE 231 577 4905.

2. RUNNING MATE IS SA ##### 231 597 2030 SHIP SAT PHONE 231 577 4905.

3. SERVICING PERSRU: SECTOR SAULT STE MARIE 906 635 3298 M-F 0800-1600 EDT.

4. ISC CLEVELAND RELOCATION MANAGER: WILLIAM SCHMIDT 216 902 6355 M-F 0800-1600 EDT.

5. OMBUDSMAN: MS ALICIA FARONE 651 373 8947 M-F 0800-1600 EDT.

6. IF U/W CONTACT SFLC DET CHEBOYGAN 231 597 2056 0800-1600 EDT.

7. IF FLYING MAKE RESERVATIONS INTO PELLSTON, MI TO MEET SHIP IN CHEBOYGAN, MI. IF DRIVING CONSULT WWW.MAPQUEST.COM OR CONTACT THE SHIP FOR DIRECTIONS. BEFORE MAKING ANY FIRM TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, ENSURE YOU SPEAK WITH YOUR SPONSOR.

8. NEW APPRENTICES ARE REQUIRED TO LIVE ABOARD THE CUTTER. GOV'T OWNED HSG IS AVAILABLE FOR MARRIED MBRS.

9. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ORDERS TO MACKINAW. WELCOME ABOARD PACKAGE SENT SEPCOR.

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