

UNIT INFORMATION

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District 9 Great Lakes Area

Aids to Navigation Team Buffalo, NY



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UNIT MISSIONS: Short Range Aids to Navigation and Search and Rescue

TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT: Boat Crewman, ATON Technician, Maintenance and Watchstander, Buoy Deck Crewmember. Typical day includes training, ATON discrepancy response, and unit/grounds maintenance.

TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT: Boat Engineer, ATON Technician, Hydraulics operator and Watchstander, Buoy Deck Crewmember. Same as SA/SN.

INPORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN: Qualified watchstanders will stand duty as the Officer of the Day approximately once every 8 days (pending the amount of qualified personnel) for a 24 hour period during the week or 72 hours over the weekend. Member will carry the unit cell phone while on duty.

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

SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AFTER HOURS: Contact the ANT OOD at 716-818-1733 if reporting after hours so notifications can be made to Sector Buffalo watch standers to expect you.

HOW MUCH PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE: All personnel have a locker about the size of a typical high school locker.

UNIFORM NORMALLY WORN DURING THE WORKDAY: Operational Dress Uniform

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE SUMMER: 70-80 F WINTER: 00-15 F

UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP/ PHONE # 716.843.9302, YNC McCabe

WHAT TYPE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA: Erie Community College, SUNY Buffalo, Trocaire College, and others. The best resource for finding colleges in the area will be online searches.

RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT: BM, MK, EM

NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE: The nearest city is Buffalo, NY approximately 1 mile to downtown. ANT Buffalo, is also near Niagara Falls, NY about 40 minutes away, and Erie, PA about 90 minutes away.

NAME OF NEAREST MILITARY FACILITY AND DISTANCE: ANT Buffalo is co-located with Sector Buffalo. Niagara Falls Reserve Air Base is in Niagara Falls, NY 30 minutes away.

LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISARY: There is a small exchange located on base.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA: Many religions are prominent in the area.

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IF NOT A CUTTER: From Lorain, OH to the St. Lawrence Seaway in upstate NY.

UNIFORM TO REPORT IN: Members are to report aboard in Tropical Blue, or Service Dress Blue uniform. Ask your sponsor.

IF SPONSOR NOT AVAILABLE, RECRUIT SHOULD ASK FOR: The Executive Petty Officer (XPO).

ANY OTHER INFORMATION A NEWLY ARRIVING APPRENTICE NEEDS TO KNOW: ANT Buffalo is a great unit for learning a lot about the Coast Guard while still living a normal life outside of work. The Buffalo area provides all of the amenities of a smaller city. Sector Buffalo provides a great opportunity to see a lot of different rates such as MST, SK, YN, HS, ET, IT, and so forth. ANT Buffalo has a BUSL (49413) and a TANB (26146).

MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

IS MESSING AVAILABLE: There is no Galley on base.

QUARTERS AND OR BARRACKS AVAILABLE: There is temporary berthing available for new members reporting in. Please let your sponsor know if you will need it so arrangements can be made. Members are required to maintain a residence off base. There are numerous apartment complexes in the area as well as houses for sale and/or rent. www.buffalo.com is an excellent resource for housing in the area, and for local information.

IS UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: no

WHERE WILL A SINGLE NON-RATE MORE THAN LIKELY LIVE: In a home or apartment off base. Members receive Basic Allowance for Housing to assist with the cost of living off base.

SHOULD MEMBER SUBMIT HOUSING APPLICATION TO HOUSING OFFICE: no

WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK: There are a number of banks in the area. Some members keep an account with USAA, which can also provide auto and renters/homeowners insurance.

IS THERE A CREDIT UNION IN THE AREA: YES

IS THERE A MALL IN THE AREA: There are three notable malls in the area. Galleria Mall to the East of downtown, McKinley Mall to the South, and Boulevard Mall to the North.

HOW MANY STORES: 40-70 per mall

MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS

COST OF AVERAGE TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE AREA: Anywhere from \$500-\$1000 not including utilities. Many complexes in the area provide some utilities, however most do not offer all.

BAH RATE FOR AN E2: \$1356 with dependents \$1017 without dependents
E3: same as E-2

IS LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: NO

IS GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING AVAILABLE: NO

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE WAIT FOR HOUSING: Most complexes will have housing available immediately

HOUSING OFFICE PHONE# N/A FAX# N/A

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS LIVE: Amherst, Hamburg, Cheektowaga, and Niagara Falls.

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE: There are numerous providers in the area that accept tri-care insurance.

WHERE DO DEPENDENTS GO TO SCHOOL: There are numerous schools in the area.

WHAT LEVEL OF TRICARE IS AVAILABLE: Prime Remote

IS DENTAL AVAILABLE: Yes. United Concordia for members, Met-Life for dependants.

IS IT ADVISABLE TO BRING DEPENDENTS ALONG WHEN REPORTING? When reporting to the unit it is best to come by yourself. When a new member reports there is a lot of paperwork, and information thrown at them in a short period of time. If a new member would like to bring their dependents to work for a tour that can come at a later time.

HAVE A JUNIOR MEMBER DESCRIBE THE AREA, JOB AND ANYTHING ELSE OF INTEREST TO A NEWLY ARRIVING MEMBER: ANT Buffalo is a great unit for learning a lot about the Coast Guard while still living a normal life outside of work. The Buffalo area provides all of the amenities of a smaller city. Sector/Base Buffalo provides a great opportunity to see a lot of different rates such as MST, SK, YN, HS, ET, IT, MK, BM, and EM and so forth. Buffalo has both summer activities and winter activities. Sports teams include the Buffalo Bills with the NFL and the Buffalo Sabres with the NHL. Also a minor league baseball team called the Bisons are in the city. Skiing/Snowboarding available at Holiday Valley and Kissing Bridge Resorts. Plenty of town and city activities all year long to participate in including the Erie County Fair, Taste of Buffalo, Gus Macker Basketball Tournament, Thursday Night in the Square, and Cruise Fest at Lancaster Speedway.

