



Welcome Aboard!

United States Coast Guard Station Tawas

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Unit Name: United States Coast Guard Station Tawas

Mailing Address: Officer In Charge
USCG Station Tawas
c/o (Members Name)
600 Lighthouse Road
East Tawas, MI 48763

Unit Phone Numbers: (989)362-4429

Officer of the Day (OOD): (989)362-4428

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*If your sponsor is not available to speak with when you call then contact the XPO.

Mission Statement



History

Original Lifeboat station was created in 1876, known as "Ottawa Point". The station is the oldest in the District, and the only surviving example of the first series of life saving stations on the Great Lakes. The name was changed on July 1, 1902. The station was also nicknamed Near Light Lake Huron. Coast Guard Station Tawas' mission is Search and Rescue, Maritime Law Enforcement, Homeland Security, Ice Rescue, Recreational Boating Safety, Military Readiness and Environmental Response. Station Tawas has the largest AOR in Sector Detroit and it encompasses approximately 3,700 square miles with 8 marinas. Station Tawas is located in East Tawas, MI. Our Primary missions are Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement and Ice Rescue Station Tawas conducts approximately 30-50 Search and Rescue Cases, 140-180 law enforcement boardings each year. The closest military installation is the Camp Grayling, MI which is 90 miles away. The nearest Coast Guard Exchange is at Sector Detroit which is 3 hours away from East Tawas, MI.

Reporting Aboard

A welcome aboard message will be drafted and sent to your unit assigning you a sponsor. It is imperative that you communicate with your sponsor to ensure your transfer here goes as smoothly as possible. If your sponsor is unavailable please speak with the Executive Petty Officer and he or she will be able to answer your questions. It is STA Tawas policy that reporting members report during normal working hours, Monday through Friday 0800-1530. This will enable us to monitor that proper steps are followed in ensuring your needs are met. If you have other storage needs, please contact the unit. Upon arrival you will be issued everything else you may need. If reporting during winter, bring warm civilian clothes.

Uniform normally worn during the workday is ODU's.

Uniform to report in: 01 Oct - 01 April Service Dress Blue
01 Apr -01 Oct Tropical Blue

Assignments

Ratings that are present at Station Tawas are BM, MK, EM, SK, and FS. You will be able to speak and work with them to get an idea of what they do on a day to day basis to help you decide what rate you might be interested in becoming. You will become communications watch stander qualified as soon as you arrive and then you will work on getting boat crew qualified. After that, you will start on becoming a Boarding Team Member. Boatswainmates will become Coxswain Qualified on all the units assets. Engineers will become boat engineer on the 45' RBM. Station Tawas stands a 12 hour radio watch in 4 hour shifts. We have two duty sections that rotate two days on and two days off with alternating weekends off.

Useful Information

Religious Denomination: We have a wide variety of religious denominations in the current area.

Unit Mutual Assistance Rep is the Executive Petty Officer.

Summers are nice and the local average temperatures are 70-80 degrees. Winters are harsh and we get extensive amounts of snow in excess of 52 inches, average temperatures in the winter are 0-25 degrees.

Cost of average two bedroom apartment in the local area is 500-650 dollars per month. Please contact local housing officer if you have any concerns with housing in the area.

BAH rates for local area can be found at this link enter in your pay grade and zip code: 48763
<http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>

TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT: COMMUNICATION WATCHSTANDER, BOAT CREWMAN, ICE RESCUE CREWMAN, BOARDING TEAM MEMBER

TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT: COMMUNICATION WATCHSTANDER, BOAT CREWMAN, ICE RESCUE CREWMAN, ENGINEER, BOARDING TEAM MEMBER

WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION: COMMUNICATION WATCHSTANDER, DUTY ROTATION IS TWO DAYS ON, TWO DAYS OFF, SLIDING WEEKENDS (EVERY OTHER WEEKEND OFF)

HOW MUCH PERSONAL STORAGE SPACE: SEABAG LOCKER, APPROX. 5' X 5'

WHAT TYPE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA: ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (OSCODA CAMPUS), COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP), ONLINE CLASSES ARE ENCOURAGED

NAME OF NEAREST CITY AND DISTANCE: SAGINAW/ APPROX. 1 HOUR DRIVE

NAME OF NEAREST MILITARY FACILITY AND DISTANCE: ALPENA ANG BASE/ APPROX. 1 HOUR DRIVE

LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISARY: CAMP GRAYLING, MI 1 HOUR DRIVE, SELFRIDGE ANG BASE/ APPROX. 3 HOUR DRIVE

MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

IS MESSING AVAILABLE: YES

QUARTERS AND/OR BARRACKS AVAILABLE: YES

IS UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: NO

WHERE WILL A SINGLE NON-RATE MORE THAN LIKELY LIVE: MEMBERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO LIVE ON BOARD UNTIL FULLY QUALIFEID.

WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK: NATIONAL CITY, NORTHLAND FCU, HURON COMMUNITY BANK, INDEPENDENT BANK

**RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL 18-20 YR OLD SINGLE MALE: \$ 100/ MONTH
SINGLE FEMALE: \$ 80/ MONTH**

MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS

COST OF AVERAGE TWO BEDROOM HOUSE IN THE AREA: \$600/MONTH (WITHOUT UTILITIES)

BAH RATE FOR AN: E-3 W/O DEPENDENTS: \$771/MONTH E-3 W/DEPENDENTS: \$1020/MONTH

IS LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: NO

IS GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING AVAILABLE: NO

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL YOUNG FAMILY: \$80/MONTH

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE: ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL (362-3411)

GO TO SCHOOL: TAWAS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHAT LEVEL OF TRICARE IS AVAILABLE: PRIME REMOTE

IS UNITED CONCORDIAN DENTAL AVAILABLE: YES (MET LIFE)

IS IT ADVISABLE TO BRING DEPENDENTS ALONG WHEN REPORTING: YES