

UNIT INFORMATION SHEET



DATE SHEET FILLED OUT: 06 MAR 2013 District 9

UNIT NAME: SFO GRAND HAVEN, MI.

ATU/OPFAC 09-37550

MAILING ADDRESS: Commanding Officer
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UNIT MISSIONS: Provide logistics support for 9 small boat stations along West Michigan and Northern Indiana; conduct prevention related activities (vessel & facility inspections & investigations) and oil/HAMAT response; support 1 tenant command (ESD).

SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AFTER HOURS: Check in with OOD (616)-850-2506. OOD departs SFO at 1730. If report in is after 1730 please call OOD to check in.

UNIFORM NORMALLY WORN DURING THE WORKDAY: ODUs. Cold weather gear issued locally.



AVERAGE SUMMER high/low: 80/60 F ; WINTER: 32/18 F

<http://www.idcide.com/weather/mi/grand-haven.htm>

UNIT MUTUAL ASSISTANCE REP/ PHONE: # SFO Executive Officer # (616) 850-2503.

WHAT TYPE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE AREA: Grand Valley State University; Baker College; Hope College; Muskegon CC, and several more.

RATINGS PRESENT AT UNIT: 3 DC, 7 EM, 2 HS, 6 MK, 3 MST, 1 SK, 2 YN.

NAME OF NEAREST LARGE CITY AND DISTANCE: Grand Rapids, MI (30 Miles).

NAME OF NEAREST MILITARY FACILITY AND DISTANCE: Selfridge ANGB Detroit, MI (200 Miles); small Army & Navy Reserve Centers are located in Grand Rapids & Kalamazoo.

LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISSARY: Coast Guard Exchange on site (SFO), Commissary (Selfridge ANGB in Detroit) – CG personnel use local grocery stores.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN THE AREA: Most denominations.

UNIFORM TO REPORT IN: Tropical Blue (seasonal), Service Dress Blue (seasonal). Specified in welcome aboard letter.

IF SPONSOR NOT AVAILABLE, RECRUIT SHOULD ASK FOR: Officer of the Day (616)-850-2506.



OTHER INFORMATION A NEWLY ARRIVING PERSONNEL NEED TO KNOW:

Grand Haven is a great area in the summer for fishing, boating and other outdoor activities. With a decent amount of snow in the winter, winter sports are very popular. There is always something to do with in the community during the winter, the city hosts winter fest, sledding and many other activities. Grand Haven also boasts great hunting & outdoor interests. Grand Haven is officially known as Coast Guard City, USA and hosts a 10-day Coast Guard Festival in late July/early August each year. www.coastguardfest.org.

MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

IS MESSING AVAILABLE: No.

QUARTERS AND OR BARRACKS AVAILABLE: No.

BAH RATE FOR AN E1 thru E4: \$648.00.

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL 18-20 YR OLD: \$ 160.00 / month.

IS UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: No.

WHERE WILL A SINGLE NON-RATE MORE THAN LIKELY LIVE: Non-rates assigned to the SFO are authorized to live on the economy. There are plenty of apartments available in the area. Most housing units do allow standard pets. There isn't a large supply of houses for rent in this area. If you would like to rent a house please call the SFO Housing Dept (616)850-2516 or (616)850-2545 as soon as you can so we can start looking.



WHERE DO MOST PEOPLE BANK: Several Major Banks including,
Fifth-Third (616)-847-2337
Huntington National Bank (616)-846-6600
Grand Haven Bank (616)-846-1930

IS THERE A CREDIT UNION IN THE AREA: Yes,
Tri-Cities Credit Union (616)-842-6320
Nuunion Credit Union (616)-842-3410
Lake Michigan Credit Union (800)-242-9790

IS THERE A MALL IN THE AREA: Yes – malls are located in Muskegon (Lakes Mall, 10 miles), Holland (Westshore Mall, 18 miles) and Grandville (Grandville Mall, 20 miles).

HOW MANY STORES: Many – all the major stores one would see in a typical mall.

MEMBERS WITH DEPENDENTS

COST OF AVERAGE TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN THE AREA WITHOUT UTILITIES:
\$700.00/ month.

BAH RATE FOR AN E1 thru E4: W/DEPN-\$828 W/O DEPN \$648.

IS LEASED HOUSING AVAILABLE: Yes

IS GOVERNMENT OWNED HOUSING AVAILABLE: No.

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE WAIT FOR HOUSING? N/A.



WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS LIVE: Grand Haven/ Spring Lake /Ferrysburg, Muskegon, Norton Shores. Areas undesirable to live in: Muskegon Heights.

RATE OF AUTO INSURANCE FOR TYPICAL YOUNG FAMILY: \$ 200.00 / month multi-vehicle.

WHERE DO MOST DEPENDENTS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE: Horizon Medical Center/mmpc at North Ottawa Community Hospital, Grand Haven.

GO TO SCHOOL: Grand Haven or Spring Lake Public Schools.

WHAT LEVEL OF TRICARE IS AVAILABLE: Prime Remote.

IS METLIFE (DENTAL) AVAILABLE: Yes.

IS IT ADVISABLE TO BRING DEPENDENTS ALONG WHEN REPORTING: Call your sponsor.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Grand Haven is a nice area to live. We have a huge beach and State Park within walking distance of the unit. There is great fishing and hunting in the area. The City has a small town feel, although it is somewhat of a resort town in the summer as people come from all over the state to enjoy the expansive beaches. Everyone is friendly and concerned about others. You are close to a big city (Grand Rapids) with lots of different things to do – minor league sports, performing arts, etc. The SFO is pretty much low stress while offering ample opportunity for professional and personal development for its members. The SFO is comprised of 32 active duty personnel, 14 Coast Guard Reservists, and roughly 3 Auxiliary personnel.