

UNIT INFORMATION

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UNIT: **USCG STATION LUDINGTON**

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District **9**

Personal Mailing Address: (Your name)
c/o U. S. Coast Guard Station
214 S. Lakeshore DR
Ludington, MI 49431

Commercial Phone # (231) 843-2447 Fax (231) 845-7067

Web Site: None

E-mail: None

Unit's Missions: Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement

Typical SA/SN Job Assignment: Communication Watchstander, Boat Crewmember, Boarding Team Member

Typical FA/FN Job Assignment: Communication Watchstander, Boat Crewmember, Boarding Team Member

Duty Rotation for SA/SN: 2 on, 2 off, sliding weekends (Port and Starboard)

Duty Rotation for FA/FN: 2 on, 2 off, sliding weekends (Port and Starboard)

Special procedures for reporting after hours: Contact duty OOD

How much personal storage space: All personnel live off station on the economy with a locker at the station for uniforms and equipment.

Uniform normally worn during the workday: ODU

Recommended uniform items in addition to seabag issue: None. Unit will issue organizational clothing as required.

Average Temperature Summer: 60-80F Winter: 0-40F

Unit Mutual Assistance Representative / Phone #: XPO (231) 843-2447

What type of continuing education is available within immediate area? West Shore Community College

MEMBER WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

Is messing available: No. Members will procure and prepare their own meals onboard, in the units Kitchenette.

Quarters and/or barracks available: No

Rate of auto insurance for the typical 18-20 year old, single male: \$80-120.00 / mo.
single female: \$80-110.00 / mo.

Is Unaccompanied Personnel Leased Housing available: No.

Where will a single non-rate more than likely live: On the economy.

Should member submit Housing application to housing office: No.

Where do most people bank: Nations Bank, West Shore Bank, Northwestern Savings and Trust, Kent Bank, Safe Harbor Credit Union, Fifth Third Bank, USAA.

Is there a credit union in the area: Yes, Safe Harbor Credit Union.

Is there a mall in the area: Muskegon, 50 miles South. Traverse City, 100 miles North.

MEMBER WITH DEPENDENTS

Cost of average two bedroom apartment in the area: \$500.00-\$750.00
with or without utilities: without

BAH rate for an E-2 /E-3: Without dependents \$777/ with dependents \$999

Is leased housing available: No

Is government owned housing available: No

What is the average wait for a two-bedroom house/apartment: 1-2 weeks.

Housing office phone number: (231) 843-2447 Fax: (231) 845-7067

Where do most dependents live: On the economy

Rate of auto insurance for the typical young family: \$200.00

Where do most dependents receive medical care: Local doctors

Where do most dependents go to school: Local schools

What level of TRICARE is available in the area: Tricare Prime Remote

Is United Concordia Dental available: Yes

Is it advisable to bring dependents when first reporting aboard: Members may bring dependants to the area, but are asked not to bring dependants to the unit when reporting.

Ratings present at the unit: MK, BM

Name of nearest city and distance: Muskegon, MI (55 miles)

Name of nearest military facility and distance: Traverse City, MI (100 miles)

Location of nearest exchange and commissary: Sector Field Office Grand Haven (70 miles)

Religious denominations in the area: All

Area of responsibility if not a cutter: 29 miles of eastern Lake Michigan

Uniform to report in: Service Dress Bravo in Winter months and Tropical Blue Long.

If sponsor is not available, apprentice should ask for: Duty OOD or XPO

ANY OTHER INFO A NEWLY ARRIVING APPRENTICE NEEDS TO KNOW

Be prepared to learn a lot of new information, to work long hours and take on a lot of responsibilities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Station Ludington is in a small community that comes alive in the summer. The station has a 18 person crew that is tightly knit together as the long summer hours bring everyone together as a team. The station has a membership to a health club and racquetball club, a basketball court, a weight room, a morale mountain bike and other types of physical activities to do. We have one 25' RB-HS. We have anywhere from 30 to 60 search and rescue (SAR) cases per year. We also do approximately 200-250 law enforcement (LE) boarding's per year. As a newcomer, you will be expected to become a communications watchstander and a boat crewmember. After that you can qualify to become a boarding team member. Our duty days are 2 on, 2 off, with sliding weekends. What that means is you have duty on Monday and Tuesday, Off Wednesday and Thursday, and then back on duty for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and then it runs on from there. The station participates in Partnership in Education with the local junior high and is involved in several other community events. The entire Ludington area has a lot of historical significance with plenty to see. An abundance of sandy beaches as far as the eye can see helps you relax from a long duty period. If you are an outdoorsman the Ludington area has plenty to offer: Hunting, Fishing, hiking, mountain biking, boating and camping. The list is endless. During the winter you can go snowmobiling, go cross country skiing and if you travel a little ways you can go down hill skiing or snowboarding. To go to a mall is a bit of a trip with Muskegon 45 minutes south, Traverse City 2 hrs to the north and Grand Rapids 2 hrs to the south. All in all Michigan and Ludington has a lot to offer.