

WELCOME ABOARD TO
USCG STATION TWO RIVERS



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To: Newly Reporting Member

Subject: Permanent Change of Station Order to USCG Station Two Rivers

Congratulations on receipt of your orders to USCG STATION TWO RIVERS, your shipmates at the station are highly anticipating your arrival. We are a small boat station on the west side of Lake Michigan in the community of Two Rivers, Wisconsin. Our primary missions are Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement, and during the winter season, Ice Rescue. Our average caseload is 30 Search and Rescue cases and 200 Law Enforcement Boardings annually. Whether this is your first assignment or your last, we are positive that your tour at Station Two Rivers will be a memorable and enjoyable venture.

Station Two Rivers is located in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. The unit was established on May 1, 1877 as a part of the U.S. Life Saving Service. Since then, the unit has been housed in three different structures. The building that we now occupy was built in 1940 and underwent major renovations throughout 1986-1987. The station now contains a weight room, a morale garage and a morale boat. Our station is billeted for 16 personnel which includes the ratings: Boatswain's mates and Machinery Technicians. We have two assets that we use for our missions: The 25' Response Boat Small and the 45' Response Boat Medium. You are expected to qualify as a communications watch stander and a boat crew member on both boats within your first four months of reporting. Our crew at the station is here to help you, but you are expected to show initiative and commitment in completing your qualifications. We have the utmost confidence that you will succeed in these endeavors.

Two Rivers is a small, cozy community of about 13,000 residents. It was originally founded as a fishing community, and still has a semi-active fishing fleet. Station Two Rivers is located 3 blocks away from the main road, Washington street, in Two Rivers, which is a great place to find a variety of appetizing restaurants. This street is also the main location for any festivals or holiday parades that the city may hold throughout the year. Also within walking distance of the station is a grocery store and the community recreation center, which holds a gymnasium and a bowling alley. Two Rivers is home to three public elementary schools, one secondary school and one high school. Catholic and Lutheran elementary schools are also available. Contract Medical, Optometry, and Dental Facilities are located within five minutes of the unit, as well as the community hospital, Aurora Medical Center.

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The neighboring city is Manitowoc Wisconsin which is 7 miles south of Two Rivers and home to approximately 35,000 people. When reporting, some people find it easier to find an apartment in Manitowoc than Two Rivers, however, you must live within 30 minutes of the station for recall purposes. This city is also where you will have access to the larger department stores such as: Wal-Mart, Menard's, Sear's, Kohl's, and Shop-Ko. The city also contains a Catholic high school, a public high school and numerous elementary schools. Local colleges include: The University of Wisconsin-Manitowoc extension, Silber Lake College, and Lakeshore Technical College. There are two hospitals and numerous small medical facilities. Manitowoc also boasts a theater for performing arts, a cinema, various local museums, the Maritime Museum and a YMCA that the station provides a free membership to.

The average temperatures can range from 80°F in the Summer to below 10°F in the Winter. The warm temperatures in the Spring and Summer allow for great outdoors sports and beach activities. Snowfall and the icing of the river in the winter allow for a plethora of outdoor winter activities such as snowmobiling, sledding, skiing and ice fishing.

Unit personnel are divided into 6-7 member duty sections and stand duty on a two days on/two days off and sliding weekends schedule. New personnel will be required to qualify as Communications Watch Stander, Boat Crew Member, Boat Engineer (Engineering personnel), and Law Enforcement Boarding Team Members. All station personnel live on the economy (BAH). You are expected to report in your Service Dress Blue Uniform.

Feel free to contact your sponsor or the unit directly at (920) 793-1305 any time that you have questions or need assistance. Again, welcome aboard shipmate, we are excited for you to become a member of the crew!

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