

WELCOME ABOARD!

Congratulations on your orders and welcome aboard Aspen!

I am excited for you to report and integrate into the excellent team we have on board USCGC ASPEN. However, I am well aware the challenges of a permanent change of station are, and should be, your initial concerns. Please let us know what we can do to make this relocation as easy as possible. Once you have yourself and family settled and can focus on the Coast Guard, we will get you involved in the great missions performed by USCGC ASPEN. I am confident you will enjoy your tour of duty at this station in addition to the many cultural and recreational activities available in San Francisco. Again, welcome to the ASPEN!

USCGC ASPEN

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter ASPEN is the eighth cutter built in the new Juniper Class Sea Going Buoy Tender fleet. She was built at Marinette Marine Corp in 2000-2001, launched on April 21, 2001, accepted by the Coast Guard on September 28, 2001, and commissioned on January 24, 2002. ASPEN is one of the most technologically advanced cutters in the Coast Guard fleet. ASPEN is home-ported in San Francisco, Ca. Her crew compliment is 42 enlisted and 7 officers. ASPEN is responsible for 76 aids in her area of responsibility, stretching from the Oregon-California border down south to San Diego.

HOUSING

Coast Guard government-owned family housing is available in the San Francisco Bay Area at four locations for officers and enlisted personnel with families (Alameda, Concord, Novato, and Moffett Field.)

The Alameda site, approx. 25 miles from Sector SF, has condominiums and duplexes in a close-knit CG community conveniently located close to CG Island. ISC Alameda Housing Office: (510) 769-0831 or (510) 437-3243

The Novato site has large single family homes, duplexes, and condominiums located in a rural/small town setting about 30 miles from Sector SF. Novato Housing Office: (415) 382-8584

The Moffett Housing Community is approximately 25 miles south of Sector SF. The Moffett site has two three and four bedroom units. Some of the two bedroom town-home units have been converted to bachelor, unaccompanied. The Moffett community includes a full-service commissary and exchange on the adjoining NASA Ames facility. Moffett Federal Airfield Housing Office: (650) 564-9490

Due to the high cost of housing in the San Francisco area and the time lag in receiving travel claim payments, it is recommended that you arrive with \$2000.00 to \$2500.00 in available funds for housing, deposits, etc.

OMBUDSMAN

The Coast Guard Ombudsman Program is a command program intended to improve communication between the command and the Coast Guard family members. Coast Guard ombudsmen are communication links, provide information and referral resources, and act as advocates for family members.

For more information about the ombudsman program, please refer to the following link:
<http://www.uscg.mil/d9/cgcAlder/docs/Ombudsman.pdf>

Unit Ombudsman:

REPORTING RESOURCES

The links below and phone numbers can help you with your relocation and hopefully will make your transfer a much smoother and pleasant one.

Welcome Aboard

- [D11 Welcome Aboard](#)

Community Info

- [Pacific Gas & Electric](#) - 800.743.5000
- [Comcast Cable/Internet](#) - 800.COMCAST (266.2278)
- [AT&T Telephone Service](#) - 800.310.2355
- [San Francisco Chamber of Commerce](#) - 415.392.4520
- [San Francisco Chronicle News](#)
- [San Francisco Public Library](#)
- [San Francisco Police Department](#)
- [SF Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)
- [SFGate.com](#)
- [Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel](#) (military rates)

Area Colleges & Universities

- [Oakland Colleges](#)
- [Alameda Colleges](#)

- [San Francisco Colleges](#)

Mass Transit

- [San Francisco Municipal Transit](#) - 415.673.6864
- [Golden Gate Transit](#) - 415.923.2000
- [Golden Gate Ferry Service](#) - 415.923.2000
- [Bay Area Rapid Transit \(BART\)](#) - 415.989.BART (2278)

Medical Information

- [Alameda Hospital](#) - 510.522.3700
- [David Grant USAF Medical Center](#) - 800.264.3462
- [TRICARE at Travis Air Force Base](#)
- [ISC Alameda Clinic](#) - 510.437.3581
- [TRACEN Petaluma Clinic](#) - 707.765.7200

Housing Information

- [BAH Rate Query](#)
- [Base Alameda Housing](#) - 510.437.3961
- [Base Alameda Relocation](#)
- [Craigslist Apartments/Housing For Rent In San Francisco Bay Area](#)
- [Per Diem, Travel, and Transportation Allowance Committee](#)

Thank you and have a safe and smooth transfer,

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