



Welcome Aboard Package

CG Sector Columbia River Warrenton, Oregon

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Visit the Sector Web Site's at:

CG Portal (CAC required): <https://cg.portal.uscg.mil/units/sectorcolumbiariver/SitePages/Home.aspx>
Public Site: <https://www.pacificarea.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/District-13/Units/Sector-Columbia-River/>

Please Also Visit The Columbia River Coast Guard Family Network
Facebook page!

Sector Columbia River Overview

Welcome to Astoria, Oregon. We are pleased to welcome you to the local area and look forward to your arrival. The history of Coast Guard service in the Pacific Northwest, and particularly in the Columbia River area, is long and distinguished.

Sector Columbia River is located at the Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton, Oregon near the beautiful mountain ranges of Oregon and Washington. The Sector Prevention Department (also known as MSU Portland) along with some Detached Duty members of other work areas are located in Portland, OR.

Sector Sub-Units include [MSU Portland](#), [Station Portland](#), [Cutter Bluebell](#), [Aids to Navigation Team Kennewick](#), [Aids to Navigation Team Astoria](#) and Surf Stations [Cape Disappointment](#), [Tillamook Bay](#) and [Grays Harbor](#),

Sector also provides limited mission support to Cutters Elm, [Alert](#) and [Steadfast](#), Electronic Support Detachment Astoria, [National Motor Life Boat School](#) and the Advanced Helicopter Rescue School.

The Sector is within a couple of hours of Mount St Helen, Mount Hood and Mount Rainier. There are plenty of outdoor activities (i.e., hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, biking, etc.). There are two local hospitals to take care of urgent medical needs. Specialty care can be found in Portland or Seattle. Clatsop Community College is located in downtown Astoria. The town of Astoria is an interesting small town with lots of historical sites to see.

Reporting:

During normal work hours Monday thru Friday (0800-1600) report to Sector Columbia River's Administration Office (located next to the Command building near the flag pole) to have your orders endorsed. Sub-units and cutter members should report directly to your own unit.

Uniform to report in: Tropical Blue Long

Mailing Address: Commander
USCG Sector Columbia River
2185 SE 12th Place
Warrenton, OR 97146

In Transit Emergencies: Contact your sponsor or Sector's Command Duty Officer at (503) 861-6165

Local Area Information

Climate:

The climate in the Astoria, Warrenton, and Seaside area is mild with an average winter temperature of 43° F and summer temperature of 70°. The average rainfall in the area is 80-90 inches a year, with most occurring in the winter months. There is very little snow in the area.

Chamber of Commerce:

The below links will provide amplifying information about the cities surrounding Astoria.

- Astoria/ Warrenton: <http://www.oldoregon.com/>
- Cannon Beach: <http://www.cannonbeach.org>
- Seaside: <http://www.seasidechamber.com/>

Event Calendar:

The following are links to some of the annual events in the Clatsop County area:

- Astoria & Warrenton Chamber of Commerce Website: <http://www.ohwy.com/or/a/astoricc.htm>
- Daily Astorian “Events Calendar” Website: <http://www.dailyastorian.info/>
- Seaside, OR “Events” Website: <http://www.seasideor.com/>

Housing

CG Housing is open to all active duty enlisted members. Coast Guard policy requires housing to remain at 95% occupancy. Anyone desiring to live on the economy needs a release from housing. Incoming personnel can contact Sector’s Housing Office at D13-SG-M-SecColRvrHsgWorkOrders@uscg.mil or (503) 325-0205 as soon as orders are issued to get a release or put an application on file for housing.

Temporary lodging is available at Camp Rilea although it fills up quick in the summer. 503-836-4052 (option 1)
<https://www.oregon.gov/omd/bsevice/Pages/Reserve-Lodging-and-RV-Spaces.aspx>

Housing Allowances:

For BAH rates in the local area, visit the DOD site <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm>. Use Warrenton (97146) or Astoria (97103) zip codes. The rental market for houses is very limited so start looking early.

Government Housing:

Coast Guard housing in the Astoria area consists of 151 units in 3 different housing areas (Triumph-Astoria, Cape Disappointment, and Baker Bay). Cape Disappointment and Baker Bay areas are located in Ilwaco, WA and typically serve Station Cape Disappointment and the National Motor Lifeboat School personnel. Our houses consist of 2, 3, or 4 bedrooms. All units have single car garages. Family makeup will determine the number of bedrooms a family is allowed. For current information refer to housing manual [COMDTINST M11101.13](#) (series) table 4-1 (min. bedroom requirements).

The Astoria housing neighborhood is within walking distance of Astoria High School, Astoria Middle School, and Captain Robert Gray Elementary School. There is a fenced-in grass children's play area, and for older children there is a fenced in playground with assorted equipment including a swing set.

Additional information is available on the housing entitlement document on the public internet site.

Housing Office Phone Number: (503) 325-0205

Housing Office Email: D13-SG-M-SecColRvrHsgWorkOrders@uscg.mil

Moving:

For Personally Procured Moves, PODS does not currently offer service to the Astoria area. ABF Freight offers service through www.upack.com and Estes Freight also services the Astoria area. U-haul also offers U-box service to the Astoria area.

Education

Education Overview:

There are four elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools, and one parochial school in the Astoria/Warrenton area.

Additional information regarding each school can be found at the following link:

Astoria: www.astoriaschools.org

Warrenton: <https://www.warrentonschools.com/>

Seaside: <http://www.seaside.k12.or.us/>

Military Interstate Children's Compact:

As of January 1st, 2015, Oregon is a member of the Military Interstate Children's Compact. Essentially, the Compact rules REQUIRE school districts to facilitate:

- Enrollment and eligibility for military children by efficient transfer of records
- The opportunity for inclusion in extracurricular activities regardless of passed deadlines.
- Honoring placement of military children in courses/programs based on enrollment from their previous state (including but not limited to: Gifted, Special Education, Honors, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, etc.)

Home School Information:

Families that home school their children in Clatsop County must be registered through the Northwest Regional Educational School District (ESD). The ESD office for this area is located in the same building as the Astoria School District.

This link goes to a site that lists Oregon State requirements for home schooling as well as links for many home schooling resource sites. <http://www.gomilpitas.com/homeschooling/regional/Oregon.html>

Special Education:

Contact the desired city's school district for information on availability of special education programs.

Clatsop Community College:

Clatsop Community College offers 65 vocational/technical training programs, as well as specialty business, financial, and international trade opportunities developed for local businesses. Additional information can be found by visiting www.clatsopcc.edu.

Medical and Work-Life:

Ombudsman Information: Mrs. Stephanie Davenport, sectorcrombudsman@gmail.com

Please fill out and submit the Family Check-in form to the Ombudsman ([Ombudsman Check In Form](#)).

Please also Visit the Columbia River Coast Guard Family Network Facebook page.

Medical and Dental Overview:

Please see the [Heath Services Brochure](#) for information regarding Sector's medical resources.

If you or your dependents need medical care while in the middle of your PCS move, contact the Military Health System (MHS) Nurse Advise Line at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273), option 1 or by going to MHSNurseAdviseLine.com. This 24/7 service can provide medical care advise at any hour or day of the week, and assist you in finding local care services as necessary. More importantly, it can help to ensure you do not receive a bill for care you may receive.

Employee Assistance Program:

Employee Assistance Program Coordinator (EAPC): Mr. Bob Atadero, MA-Counseling, Credentialed Advocate
Mr. Atadero can be reached at (503) 861-6155 or via e-mail at robert.m.atadero@uscg.mil.

EAPC Programs:

Workplace Violence and Threatening Behavior

Critical Incident Stress Management

Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Red Cross Liaison

CG SUPRT information and assistance

CG SUPRT (formerly EAP) Counseling Service:

Coast Guard SUPRT provides Coast Guard Members, Selected Reservists, civilian employees as well as family members with a comprehensive counseling and work-life services. The program includes Personal Financial Wellness, Legal Services, Education and Career Counseling, Health Coaching, Counseling, and Resources and Referral. Services are free and confidential, within the bounds of the law. CG SUPRT is available 24/7/365. Access service via phone calling 1-855-CG SUPRT (247-8778) or online www.cgsuprt.com. The CG SUPRT Mobile app can be downloaded from iTunes or Google Play Store. For online or app access, please use password/passcode USCG.

Additional information can be obtained by calling 1-855-CG SUPRT (247-8778) or visiting <https://www.cgsuprt.com/>

Work Life Homepage (Portal) -

<http://cglink.uscg.mil/SeattleWorkLife>

Work Life Homepage OUTSIDE the Coast Guard Network

<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Base-Seattle/Work-Life/>

D13 Transition and Relocation Assistance:

To learn more about the Transition and Relocation Assistance services provided by the Coast Guard, please visit the [Office of Work-Life](#) web page. The D13 Transition and Relocation Assistance Manager is Ms. Heather Miles. She can be contacted at (206) 217-6674 or by emailing her at heather.m.miles@uscg.mil.

Child Care/Development Services:

Child Development Services Specialist (CDSS): Ms. Kelly Smitherman. She can be reached at (503) 861-6242 or via E-mail at Kelly.M.Smitherman@uscg.mil.

The CDSS:

- Provides Child Care Resource & Referral Services
- Assists families obtain financial assistance for child care (using the Child Care Subsidy Program)

- Assists legal domestic partners/spouses who live in government housing become licensed (in home) child care providers. Also known as Family Child Care (FCC) homes

Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) -

<https://elibrary.cnrc-n9portal.net/familyenrollment/community-programs/>

Find childcare in Oregon -

<http://triwou.org/projects/fcco>

Find childcare in Washington -

www.childcareawarewa.org

Exchange System:

Coast Guard Astoria Exchange:

The Coast Guard Exchange includes a store with uniform items and a gas station. It is located at 1240 W. Marine Drive, Astoria, OR 97103, approximately ½ miles from the Coast Guard Housing Complex in Astoria.

Driving in Oregon:

Oregon Seat Belt Laws:

Safety belt use is mandatory in Oregon for all drivers and passengers in all available seating positions when the vehicle is in motion.

Child safety systems must meet all federal standards. For help in obtaining, selecting or installing a child safety system, contact ACTS Oregon Child Safety Seat Resource Center at 1-800-772-1315.

Washington Seat Belt Laws:

Safety belt use is mandatory in Washington state for all drivers and passengers in all available seating positions when the vehicle is in motion. Child safety systems must meet all federal standards.

Drinking and Driving:

Oregon has some of the toughest drinking and driving laws in the country. The "Implied Consent Law" simply means that your right to drive a motor vehicle in Oregon implies consent to submit to breath analysis if you are suspected of drinking and driving.

Oregon State DMV:

While stationed at Sector Columbia River, service members have two choices of driver's licenses: Oregon or home of-record state or territory. Territory licenses acceptable in Oregon are those from Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands. Additional information can be found at <http://www.oregondmv.com>

Many states have "moratorium" laws: if you had a valid license when you entered the service, it continues to be valid as long as you are on active duty. Check with your state to be sure they have such laws.

Congratulations on your orders to Sector Columbia River. Please reach out to your sponsor or any of our support offices if you need additional information. We look forward to your arrival!!