**WELCOME TO ALAMEDA / CG Island!**

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**Unit Information Sheets**: Find your unit in the [CGPortal](https://cgportal2.uscg.mil/SitePages/Unit%20Site%20Search.aspx) for additional information. Select your state, and find your duty station in the list. You may also find a link to the public information site on your receiving unit here, or by searching at [www.uscg.mil/d11](http://www.uscg.mil/d11).

Your servicing Base is Base Alameda: <http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Director-of-Operational-Logistics-DOL/Bases/Base-Alameda/>

[**PCS Checklists**](http://www.military.com/money/pcs-dity-move/pcs-checklists.html)**:** Military.com has great [checklists](http://www.military.com/money/pcs-dity-move/pcs-checklists.html) for your PCS to help you stay organized!

**Housing Information:** ALL transferring members (regardless of rank or marital status) must be released from government housing by sending required release documents to the Alameda Area Housing Office by fax to (510) 437-3948 or at:

 D11-DG-M-BASEAla-PersSupport-HousingAlaArea@uscg.mil

More information can be found on the Base Alameda Housing [**website**](http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Director-of-Operational-Logistics-DOL/Bases/Base-Alameda/Alameda-Personnel-Support-Department/Alameda-Area-Housing-Office/).

Your BAH will not be started until you get released. Contact the Housing Management Assistant by emailing Daniel.d.gutierrez@uscg.mil

**Housing Search websites:**

Military Housing Search Database: [www.homes.mil](http://www.homes.mil)

**SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN:**

*If you have school aged children, school enrollment may be the biggest source of stress as you transfer. Please review deadlines*, *immunizations, and academic* *requirements to ensure your child is prepared to enroll. Military families enjoy some measure of protection for issues around* ***enrollment****,* ***placement****,* ***attendance****,* ***eligibility*** *and* ***graduation*** *under the* [*Military Inter-State Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3)*](https://www.mic3.net/) *and also under* [*California SB-455*](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB455) (*see additional info below), but be prepared to request a conversation with your child’s school representative, guidance counselor, principal, District representative, or, at the highest level, the state’s MIC3 Commission. Remember that YOU will be the best advocate for your child. If you encounter any difficulties along the way, Base Alameda is here to help (see below contact info for Ms. Lena Gavello).*

The **Military Child Education Coalition’s** website has information about transferring schools for military kids ([www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org)). Check out their “On the Move” magazine.

**Legislative update!**

**SB-455 Pupil Enrollment: Military Dependents (effective September 2017)**

This bill allows Active Duty dependent school-age children to be enrolled in schools, programs and courses electronically when their parent has been transferred, or is pending transfer, to a military installation within the state. Military orders must be in hand and proof of residence must be provided within 10 days of report date. Proof of residency can include:

(A) A temporary on-base billeting facility.

(B) A purchased or leased home or apartment.

(C) Federal government or public-private venture off-base military housing.

Read [complete bill](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB455).

California Education Code Section 48204.3

School Research: Visit <http://www.greatschools.org/> or <https://www.schoolquest.org/> or [www.sarconline.org](http://www.sarconline.org) for information on area schools.

**School Districts by County:** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_school_districts_in_California_by_county>

**California Special Education Local Plan Areas:** <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/as/caselpas.asp>

**Alameda Unified School District POC:**

For families enrolling in Alameda Unified School District, classrooms fill up fast! Recommend registering online as soon as you receive orders and have a signed lease or housing agreement. Follow up with an email to Ms. Jessica Stockwell at jstockwell@alameda.k12.ca.us  (510) 337-7086. Go to [www.alameda.k12.ca.us](http://www.alameda.k12.ca.us)

If you have any questions regarding enrolling in Alameda Schools, please contact Ms. Lena Gavello, Base Alameda at Lena.M.Gavello@uscg.mil or (510)437-3237.

**Moving/Travel Claims:** [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) – This is the Defense Personal Property Program’s (D3P) website for arranging your household goods move. Also, attached is the checklist for a member who is doing a self move – read it carefully! Failure to do so may result in unnecessary out-of-pocket costs for you and your family! Empty weight ticket(s) should cite member’s name, employee ID or SSN and signature of weight master. Per ALCOAST 365/10: Empty weight ticket(s) for PPM must be obtained from the place of origin.

**Vehicle Registration and License Information:** Nonresident military personnel are exempt from paying licensing fees on vehicles registered under their name. More information on vehicle requirements for California on the [California Highway Patrol website](https://www.chp.ca.gov/programs-services/services-information/military-personnel).

**Electricity/Gas savings:** Your power will likely be supplied by Alameda Municipal Power, and you may qualify for a discount on your bill. More info here: <http://www.alamedamp.com/customer-service/financial-assistance>

**Emergency Preparedness:** California has earthquakes and wildfires! Go to the Ready.gov website (<https://www.ready.gov/>) for information, checklists, and ways to prepare. Alameda County’s emergency preparedness website also has great info: (http://www.acgov.org/ready/). Lastly, e-subscribe with [**Alameda County’s notification system**](http://www.acgov.org/emergencysite/) to receive notifications.

**Firearms Information:** Firearms laws and information for new California residents, including military personnel: <http://ag.ca.gov/firearms/ab991.php>. A “New Resident Handgun Ownership Report” for handguns must be submitted to the Department of Justice, along with a $19.00 fee.

**Ombudsman Contact Info:**  Go to [www.cgombudsmanregistry.org](http://www.cgombudsmanregistry.org) and click on "Contact Your Ombudsman" at the bottom of the page to reach out to your new unit Ombudsman. Connecting with your Ombudsman is vital for emergencies, and extremely valuable for family members who want to hear about resource information. **Too many spouses are unaware of programs, services, and resources available because they are never connected to their Ombudsman!**

**Tricare/Medical:** YourTRICARE benefit is managed by a regional contractor. When you move, you must take a few key steps to ensure continuity of healthcare coverage. Go to the [TRICARE “Moving”](https://tricare.mil/LifeEvents/Moving) website for information on:

* Transferring your TRICARE enrollment
* Updating DEERS information
* Finding a doctor or MTF
* Changing your PCM
* Special Needs situations
* More!

Follow the prompts to enter your eligibility details to receive the most relevant information for you and your family.

**Childcare Information:** Base Alameda has a Child Development Center. Information on eligibility, available programs, schedules, tuition & fees, and registration process can be found [here](http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Director-of-Operational-Logistics-DOL/Bases/Base-Alameda/Alameda-Personnel-Support-Department/Alameda-Child-Development-Center/). Be aware that the wait list can be lengthy, especially for infants due to the required teacher/child ratio.

Child Development Homes are also available for your childcare needs – these are military families who have been licensed as childcare providers to care for children in their homes. For more info on availability, contact the Child Development Services Specialist at (510) 437-3237.

An alternative to the military childcare system is the use of the USCG Childcare Subsidy, which is based on family income. You must find your own provider and supply the provider’s license information to GSA as part of your application, along with financial documents (Earning Statement, tax return info, etc). More info can be found at the GSA’s subsidy [website](https://nfc.usda.gov/FSS/clientservices/Child_Care_Subsidy/subsidies/USCG/index.php).

To find a licensed provider, go to <http://www.childcareaware.org/> - Click “Search Now” on the home page. Type in your zip code or city to find the contact info for your local child care referral agency (keep this info for when you transfer - it's good all over the country) will appear.

**CG SUPRT Program:** 1-855-247-8778;  [www.cgsuprt.com](http://www.cgsuprt.com)

Information on childcare, counseling, relocation, legal and financial consultation, suicide intervention, and other support services for you and your family.

**Alameda Community Information:** Go to <https://alamedaca.gov/visitors> for information on the Alameda area, including museums, theaters, gardens, attractions, and more. Also find a comprehensive Visitor guide under “Visitor Resources” at the link above.

**Women, Infants, and Children:** Many military families qualify for WIC! WIC does not include BAH and FSH as income, but does include BAS and FSA. Additional Pays and Allowances may be included in income calculations. Please contact your WIC office for more specific information: <http://www.acphd.org/wic.aspx>