



Hello,

Welcome and congratulations on your new assignment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT. This letter is to familiarize you of the housing options in the New London area which currently include: 1) Balfour Beatty Communities (BBC), (Privatized Housing). 2) Collecting BAH and residing within the local community. 3) Rent Set A-Side Program (RPP). 4) CG Family Leased Housing for those who qualify.

If you are interested in BBC, (Previously GMH Military Housing) the CG Academy has an agreement with BBC (www.subasehomes.com) at the U.S. Navy Submarine Base located in Groton, CT. BBC units consist of two, three, and four bedroom units and is privatized housing. Privatized housing means that BBC housing is not DOD owned or CG leased housing. To be placed on their waiting list you may submit the proper paperwork via the Academy Housing Office.

Single personnel reporting to the Academy will be authorized Bachelor Allowance for Housing (BAH) to live on the local economy. Unaccompanied members E-4 and below with less than four years of service whose permanent duty station is ashore, have the option to be assigned to Unaccompanied Personnel Leased Housing (UPLH) in lieu of receiving BAH. Afloat personnel (E-3 and below) will reside in the barracks at the Academy, and E-4 and above will be authorized BAH or UPLH depending on availability.

The New London area is very competitive in terms of affordable housing, and over the past few years the rental market has soared, making it more and more difficult to find affordable housing. Although BAH for the New London area has increased in recent years, the market is still tight therefore it is strongly recommend you contact me prior your arrival. This will enable me to provide you with up to date information on the local housing market, as well as answer any questions you might have. I can be reached via e-mail at peter.m.mcdonald@uscg.mil or telephone (860) 444-8211. For additional information on the area, please visit the Coast Guard Academy's housing web page at: www.uscga.edu/campus/supportservices/personnelhousing.htm

I look forward to assisting you, and hope your tour at the Academy will be an enjoyable one.

Sincerely,

Peter M. McDonald
Housing Director