

Welcome

Dear Shipmate,

Welcome aboard to the #1 amphibious assault ship in the fleet, USS Wasp (LHD 1). Our mission is to embark, deploy, land and support a Marine Landing Force. The ship was specifically designed to accommodate Air Cushion Landing Craft (LCAC) for fast troop movement over the beach and AV-8B Harrier aircraft to provide close-in air support for the assault force. Wasp can also carry up to 26 Navy/USMC helicopters for troop movement, air support, and Search-And-Rescue movements.

Now that you have your orders, we want to be sure you are assigned a sponsor. The sponsor program aboard Wasp is alive and well, but requires some initiative by both of us. If you have e-mail, you can expedite this process. To request a sponsor, please send an e-mail to the following address: sponsor@lhd1.navy.mil

When we receive your request, we will assign an experienced Wasp Sailor to assist you from the department and division you will be working in. That person will be able to answer any questions you may have concerning life aboard the ship, the ship's schedule (unclassified portions), and what you may want to consider prior to checking aboard. Your sponsor will also assist you with getting to the ship.

If you were not able to get in contact with a sponsor via email, you can always call the ship directly. The phone number to the Quarterdeck is (757) 444-1349.

Again, congratulations on your orders to Wasp. We look forward to your arrival.

USS Wasp – Honor, Tradition, Excellence!



You can visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/USSWasp>

Location

USS Wasp is currently at Naval Station Norfolk on Decatur Dr.

Below is some helpful information on your re-location to the Hampton Roads Area:

Sailors with families can contact the Navy housing office at 1-800-628-7510, (757) 445-2832 or online at www.nsa-norva.navy.mil/housing/. Temporary lodging is available at the Navy Lodge, (757) 489-2656 or online at www.navy-lodge.com. For additional local housing information, please contact the command sponsor at sponsor@lhd3.navy.mil

For more information regarding Military Family Relocations, please visit <http://www.ffscnorva.navy.mil/iandr.html> or call (757) 444-2102.

Navy Housing

Navy housing for married personnel in the Hampton Roads area consists of several thousand enlisted units and several hundred officer units. Requests for application should be made in person or by writing the Housing Referral Office nearest your new duty station.

Housing Welcome Centers

Your orders require you to check into one of the Hampton Roads Housing Offices before you negotiate for off-base housing. They can help you locate civilian vacancies. The following are local Housing Office telephone numbers and addresses:

Norfolk Navy Housing Welcome Center

1126 N Military Hwy
Norfolk, VA 23502
757-445-2832

Navy Housing Welcome Center/Navy Public Works Center

7924 14th Street
Norfolk, VA 23505-1217
757-445-2832 or 800-628-7510

Housing Welcome Center

Navy Medical Center, Portsmouth
845 Sterling Cook Street
Portsmouth, VA 23708-5100
757-953-5404, DSN 565-2832, or 800-628-7510

Portsmouth Housing Office Norfolk Housing Shipyard

129 1/2 Morning Side Drive
Portsmouth, VA 23702
757-399-0611, DSN 961-7620

Housing Welcome Center Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek

2100 Independence Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
757-462-7448, DSN 253-7448

Housing Welcome Center Naval Air Station, Oceana

1201 Paul Jones Circle
Virginia Beach, VA 23460-5120
757-433-2195, DSN 462-7448

Virginia Driver's License

If you are an active duty member of the Armed Forces and stationed in Virginia, you, your spouse and dependent children who are 16 years of age or older may drive with a valid driver's license issued by your home state or country. Vehicles registered in your name may be driven with valid out-of-state license plates. If you choose to register your vehicle in Virginia, you do not have to obtain a Virginia driver's license. Note: Your spouse and dependent children, if gainfully employed in Virginia, will be required to obtain a Virginia driver's license.

Virginia DMV Hours:

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. M-F

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. SAT

Central Phone: 757-461-1919

USS Wasp Mailing Address

Sailor's Rate, First Name, Last Name

Department, Division

USS Wasp (LHD 1)

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