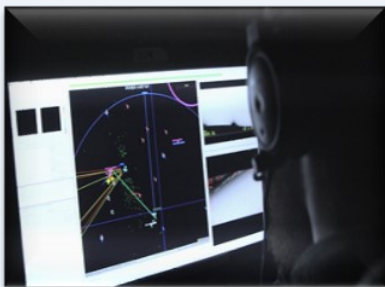


Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S)



Welcome Aboard Guide

The Southernmost Post





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JIATFS-00

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Welcome Aboard

1. On behalf of all the service-members, civilians, and partner-nation members, we like to welcome you to Joint Interagency Task Force South (JITAF-S). We are delight to have joint our team of teams.
2. I believe you will find duty here challenging because of the many complexities in fighting the international war on drugs. Our operational environment is dynamic, ever changing, and most likely very different from anything you have encountered before. This joint interagency command is unique in that every armed service and many civilian law enforcement agencies fill important roles in planning and executing our mission.
3. I hope your tour will be personally satisfying and professionally rewarding experience. You will also find the pace of island pleasant, with many cultural and recreational activities available in Key West.
4. You will be assigned a sponsor. This sponsor will contact you soon with more details to assist in your relocation. If you have any trouble or issue in contacting your sponsor, please contact our J1, Manpower and Personnel Directorates for assistance at (305) 293-5346 or DSN 483-5346 or southcom.key-west.jiatfs-cg.list.sponsor-coordinator@mail.mil.
5. If you have questions about any aspect of where you will work or live, do not hesitate to contact your sponsor. Again, welcome to JIATF-S.

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//
DOUGLAS M. FEARS
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Commander

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Section 1: JIATF-S

The Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S) is a multiservice, multiagency task force based at Naval Air Station Key West (Truman Annex), Key West, Florida. It conducts counter illicit trafficking operations, intelligence fusion and multi-sensor correlation to detect, monitor, and handoff suspected illicit trafficking targets; promotes security cooperation and coordinates country team and partner nation initiatives in order to defeat the flow of illicit traffic. JIATF South is subordinate command to United States Southern Command and is commanded by a Coast Guard Flag Officer.



JIATF South has been operating since 1989. In response to a need for unified command and control of drug interdiction activities, the FY 1989 National Defense Authorization Act designated the Department of Defense as the lead agency for the detection and monitoring program targeted against the aerial and maritime traffic attempting to bring drugs into the United States. Commander Joint Task Force FOUR (CJTF-4) in Key West, FL, Commander, Joint Task Force FIVE in Alameda, CA and Commander, Joint Task Force 6 in El Paso, TX were established to direct the anti-drug surveillance efforts in the Atlantic/Caribbean, Pacific, and Mexico border areas respectively. Presidential Decision Directive 14 of 3 October 1993 led to a reorganization of U.S. military anti-drug organization.

On 7 April 1994, Dr. Lee Brown, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, signed the National Interdiction Command and Control Plan which directed establishment of three national interagency task forces (JIATF East in Key West, Florida; JIATF South in Panama; and JIATF West in Alameda, California).

On 1 June 1997, the Commander in Chief U. S. Southern Command expanded his area of responsibility to include the Caribbean and the waters bordering South America, and assumed command and control of JIATF East. In compliance with the 1979 Panama Canal Treaty and the necessity to complete the military drawdown in Panama by the end of 1999, the decision was made to merge JIATF South and JIATF East into one organization. Transfer of the JIATF South mission to the merged JIATF was completed on 1 May 1999.

The interagency concept of the task force is illustrated by the leadership composed primarily of representatives from the Department of Defense, U. S. Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Other assigned agencies include the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), NSA, CIA, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), DIA, NGA, and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). 12 countries have Liaison Officers assigned to JIATF-S. These include, among others, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Mexico, the Netherlands, Panama, Peru, Spain, and the United Kingdom, and the. The result is a fully integrated, international task force organized to capitalize on the force multiplier effect of the various agencies and countries involved.

The following are our current leadership:

Director: Rear Admiral Douglas Fears, USCG

Deputy Director: Rear Admiral Michael S. Sciretta, USN

Chief of Staff: Colonel John Groves, USAF

Command Master Chief: CMC Henry J. Audette, Jr., USCG

Section 2: Local Military Installation

Naval Air Station (NAS) Boca Chica

To attain gate passes for visiting friends and family, members must drive to the front office of Boca Chica just outside the gate. NAS Boca Chica has a newly renovated fitness center where members may sign up for free personal trainers or classes. More fitness information may be found at the NAS Boca Chica fitness center and Sigsbee ITT office. There is a marina with boat docks, canoe/paddleboard rental, a beach, and a grill area. There is a bowling alley and post office on base as well. Saint Leo University bases out of NAS Boca Chica. http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_key_west.html



Sigsbee Park

Naval Station Sigsbee offers housing for all married military families and single members E1 -E8 stationed in Key West. Housing is also available to eligible federal workers of the DoD at Sigsbee and Truman Annex. Visit the following website link for military housing information: <http://www.naskeywesthomes.com>. The military exchange and commissary, Navy Lodge, small workout facility, ITT (also known as MWR) Office, Child Development Center (CDC), School Age Care (SAC), Fleet Family Support Center (FFSC) , gas station, RV Park, and boat rental facility are all located at Sigsbee. For more RV information visit: <http://get.dodlodging.net/property/Key-West-Campground>

Visit the following link for additional military lodging information: http://spacea.net/images/keywest_trumborentals.pdf

Trumbo Point

USCG Sector Key West is located on the eastern end of the NAS Key West base. There is a walking gate to enter the USCG base directly, but the NAS Key West base entrance is most heavily used. There is military family lodging for Active Duty, Reserves, and Retirees. The base also has an outdoor pool for military personnel and families. NAS Key West has a Fly Navy Hotel for military guests as well as MWR Trailers and town-houses for rent. Recreational Vehicle (RV) lot rentals can be made with the Sigsbee Information, Tickets, and Tours (ITT) Office. Balfour Beatty provides limited privatized housing at Trumbo for officers, senior foreign liaison officers, and senior enlisted leaders and above.

Coast Guard Sector Key West

Sector Key West can trace its history back to 1824 when a 63-foot schooner named Florida sailed into the Port of Key West, establishing a permanent station in Key West. Working for the Key West Collector of Customs, the Florida and its crew collected maritime tariffs, chased pirates, prevented smuggling and rescued those in distress at sea. Today, the Sector Commander performs the duties of Search and Rescue (SAR) Mission Coordinator (SMC), Captain of the Port (COTP), Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC), Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC), and Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection (OCMI). Sector Key West has a unique area of responsibility; 55,000 square miles that borders the territorial seas of Cuba and the Bahamas. For more information visit their website at: <http://www.uscg.mil/d7/sectKeyWest/>

Phone Number: 305-292-8700

Truman Annex

JIATF-S is located on the southernmost part of the city and island of Key West. The Key is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the east and southeast, the Gulf of Mexico to the north and west and the Florida Straits to the south. Key West measure 1.5 by 4 miles and sits 93 miles north of Cuba, 153 miles southwest of Miami and 24.5 degrees above the equator.

To drive to JIATF-S from Florida City take the Florida Turnpike or I-95 and take US-1 South. You will follow US-1 ap-

proximately 120 miles through the beautiful Florida Keys. If you fly into Key West for a visit or area familiarization, contact your sponsor for transportation. Be sure to advise them if you are by yourself or are accompanied by your family. Thrifty, Hertz, and Budget rental cars are available at the airport. Taxi service is also readily available.

Important Military Locations (On Page 7:

1. JIATF-S, located on Truman Annex along with some housing, the chapel, and MWR facilities
2. Coast Guard Sector Key West, located at Eastern end of Trumbo Galley/Dining Facility, DEERS (Active Military Only)
3. Trumbo – location of the Vacation Rentals, Officer Housing, Fly Navy Building (Military Lodging), Mini-Shoppette, Sector Key West (Coast Guard)
4. Sigsbee – Commissary, Navy Exchange, Enlisted Housing, Housing Office (Balfour Beatty), Fleet and Family Support Center, Child Development Center, Barber Shop, Information, Ticket and Travel (ITT)
5. Medical – Navy Medical Facility (Family Medicine Clinic, Pharmacy and Dental for Active Military and their dependents.)
6. Boca Chica – Pass and ID Section, DEERS, Post Office, Auto Hobby Shop, Bowling Alley, Mini-Shoppette (Gas Station)



Section 3: Basics for New Military Reports

Housing

The Family Housing options at NAS Key West is Privatized/ Public Venture (PPV) housing on-base, managed by Balfour Beatty Communities <http://www.naskeywesthomes.com>.

There are over 500 family homes for officers and enlisted. The average wait for housing varies from 0-2 months. Normally people will forfeit their entire amount of BAH. Single members can also live in housing, but you'll be paying fair market value for rent. If you intend to live outside of military



housing, local realtors and Craigslist are good places to start identifying what you are looking for in the lower keys area. Hotels are everywhere if you are looking to find lodging during your house hunting days. The Fly Navy on NAS KW and the Navy Lodge on Sigsbee are highly recommended as well. ITT (MWR) Rentals located on Trumbo Point offer full size condo's with a kitchen, three bedrooms, and a full bath. They accept pets. Website: <http://www.fla-keys.com/pdf/maps/KeyWestOldLg.pdf>

Pay and Allowance

Military personnel can visit <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm> to calculate basic housing allowances (BAH). You can also use this link to calculate your CONUS COLA rate. If you elect on-base housing you will forfeit your whole BAH. You may be billed for electric based on usage. Internet and cable are on the member to arrange.

Education

Elementary School—There are quite a few elementary schools in the Key West area. Please visit the link below to attain further information: <http://keysschools.schoolfusion.us/>

[Sigsbee Charter School](http://www.sigsbee.org/) is located on Naval Station Sigsbee and is frequently the school of choice by military families; Located on Sigsbee the school covers Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade. Visit the following link for more information: <http://www.sigsbee.org/>

High School

Key West High School is the main high school in the lower keys. Visit the following link for more information: <http://high-schools.com/schools/11372/key-west-high-school.html>

College

Florida Keys Community College and Saint Leo University (Boca Chica Naval Base) are the two lower keys colleges. Saint Leo University bases out of NAS Boca Chica and offers traditional and online courses for service members, civilians, and retirees. Saint Leo University accepts the Post 9-11 Montgomery GI Bill. Tuition Assistance is accepted at both facilities as payment for classes as well. Visit the following links for more information:

<http://www.saintleo.edu/Continuing-Education-Locations/Florida/Key-West-Center> and <http://www.fkcc.edu/>

Medical Care

Key West has a fully capable medical staff which works with the Key West Naval Branch Medical Clinic. The Key West Naval Branch Medical Clinic has an optometry clinic, dental clinic, standard medical care clinic, and pharmacy. The Navy Medical Clinic is located on Key West. They can treat Active Duty members, dependents, retirees, and veterans. There is one main hospital for the Lower Keys area and that is Lower Keys Medical Center. Emergency room care is available at Lower Keys Medical Center. <http://www.lkmc.com/default.aspx> Please keep in mind that for serious or rare conditions, members and their families may need services and care in Miami. For medical appointment call 305-293-4600. For Dental appointments call 305-293-4818.

For Coast Guard members, the medical clinic is located at Sector Key West. The phone number is 305-292-8715. Dental care is provided through Key West Naval Branch Clinic, for dental appointments call 305-293-4600.



Section 4: Area Information - Key West, FL

History

From a historian's point of view, Key West has an interesting beginning. To be considered is the island's ownership as private property, ownership by the Territory of Florida, ownership by the U.S. Government and finally as a local incorporated entity. John W. Simonton purchased the island on January 19, 1822 from Juan Pablo Salas, who had acquired it as a Spanish Land Grant in 1815 from Don Juan de Estrata, but as a new U.S. Territory the original Don Juan de Estrata Land Grant to Salas had to be confirmed - no U.S. deed could be granted. In reality it went round and round with claims and counter claims. John Simonton soon took on three northern partners: John Whitehead, John Fleming and Pardon Greene. On the scene arrived General John Geddes of Charleston who had also purchased Key West. It was discovered that Don Juan Salas had sold it twice, first to John Strong, a lawyer no less, and then to Simonton. As if this were not bad enough, Strong had also previously sold Key West to George Murray before John Geddes. In summary, Salas sold it twice, Strong and Simonton, and Strong twice, Murray and Geddes. Simonton had already divided it up amongst three others: Whitehead, Fleming and Greene. Greene made several strategic moves by buying up claims in his name. On May 23, 1828, Congress acknowledged the land grant of Salas and confirmed Simonton as the legal owner. We might surmise that this was Florida's first land scam. Amazing as it legally appears, the Territory of Florida with an Act of Incorporation incorporated the City of Key West on January 8, 1828. I have never fully researched this, but my understanding with Monroe County's Territorial Representative Richard Fitzpatrick changed its name to the Town of Key West on November 28, 1828. (<http://www.keyshistory.org/keywest.html>)

Entertainment

Key West is a great location for beach loungers and those who love outdoor activities. Although the water is not coral and seaweed free like most United States beaches (Key West is a marine sanctuary), the water is always warm and the beach is always a great place to kayak, paddleboard, jet ski, or just catch some rays . You can also take a ferry to The Dry Tortugas. In addition to the fun in the sun, there are events held annually such as Fantasy Festival, the boat Races, among others that keep the island a popular destination. Key West's historic Duval Street is where the night life is. You are also two hours from the mainland and three hours from Miami, Florida. There is just too much to do on this small island to mention, so here is a great link to visit: <http://www.keywest.com/bars.html>.

Section 5: Hurricane Information

Hurricane season is June thru November. When a hurricane threatens the Keys, active duty military must prepare for heavy weather according to the Key West Hurricane Plan. Everyone else evacuates to Orlando (mandatory for active duty, highly encouraged for dependents). The communication for hurricane season is passed through a phone tree system.

Hurricane Preparation

Store valuable items (jewelry, tools, antiques, etc.) Bring outdoor items inside

Clean out your refrigerator.

Throw away anything that will spoil.

Elevate your belongings

Fill garbage cans and bathtubs with water for flushing, bathing, etc.

Fill plastic bottles with water to freeze

Secure homes by closing windows, doors, close shutters, locate main turn off for electricity, water and gas.

Insurance

****Confirm with Renters insurance company you are covered for both flood and wind****

Renters insurance covers your personal property, not your landlords. Ask your insurer about replacement value

Depreciated Value (Balfour Beatty / Navy Insurance)

If you are not renting, do you have wind and flood insurance? Do you have depreciated value or full

replacement value insurance?

Evacuation Preparations

Two week supply of medications

Have your vehicle serviced and full of gas Get some cash together, at least \$250.00 Make an inventory of your property Insurance

Store important papers in a safe place

Important Papers

Driver's License

Social Security Card

Proof of resident (deed or lease agreement) / Insurance Policies

Birth Certificate/Marriage Certificate/Immunization Record

Stocks, bonds, negotiable certificates, Wills, deeds, tax records, and Power of Attorney

Personal property inventory

Serial numbers / dates purchased / receipts

Videos & pictures

KEEP IN MIND:

Sheltering event occurs when Hurricane categories 1 or 2 are likely & when directed by the Navy CO
If you live on any of the Navy installations, the Navy must provide the housing residence with alternate lodging accommodations.

NO travel, lodging or per diem reimbursements

PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED at any shelter.

Kennel Options:

- Take animals to local kennel or friend
- Kennel space is available at NAS Boca Chica – bldg A-931

Pets MUST be in a cage/kennel

Owners MUST provide food and water with bowls

Owners provide toys or blankets

Pick up animals when the “All Clear” is given.

**NAS Boca Chica Shelter is run by volunteers.

If you have a camper, boat or trailer on Sigsbee in temporary storage (not in fenced in area) it must be moved. If there is room available on Fleming Key you can move it there. If no room is available, then you must find a place to store it on your own & at your own expense.

Tie down small boats and increase the weight by filling it with water.

Section 6: Local Area Resources

In addition to military resources, there are civilian assets and information that you may not be aware of. Links are provided below:

- [Career One Stop](#)
- [Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [City of Key West](#)
- [Florida Key and Key West Tourism Information](#)
- [National Weather Service](#)
- [Florida Keys & Key West Other Places of Worship](#)
- [Monroe County School District Information](#)
- [Monroe County Sheriff's Office](#)
- [Monroe County Government Offices](#)

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