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Do you think you have what it takes to save lives, bust drug traffickers, or protect the environment? If you answered yes, then you could be ready for a job in the Coast Guard! You'll receive outstanding training. Join a team that wants you to succeed and go right to work, relying on what you've learned.

What are the benefits of a career in the Coast Guard?

A Steady Income

Coast Guardsmen are paid twice a month, on the 1st and 15th, and are entitled to other cash allowances depending on their status. You also can depend on pay raises that are given based on promotions and length of service.

Training

You choose your career path based on your aptitude, physical abilities, security clearance, desires, and motivation. The Coast Guard offers all positions equally to both men and women. There are no restrictions.

Advancement

You are promoted based on your knowledge of your chosen career field, your performance, time in pay grade, and time in service. Enlisted personnel continue to receive higher-level training in their field, which leads to more responsibility, potentially higher rank, and greater pay.

Allowances

You'll receive additional allowances for housing, if government housing is not available in the area you are stationed; food, if government dining facilities are not available in the area you are stationed, and uniforms. Other allowances may include sea pay, clothing allowance, family separation allowance, and hazardous-duty pay. All allowances for food, housing, and clothing are not subject to federal or state income taxes.

Paid Vacation

You'll receive 30 days of paid vacation a year.

Free Travel

As a member of the Coast Guard, you may get the opportunity to travel far and wide as part of your job. Not only will you get to see new places, you'll do it on our dime. Also, you will have access to worldwide military space-available flights and recreational facilities for you and your family.

Education

Through the Montgomery GI Bill, we'll help you pay for college or vocational technical training. To find out more and also get up to date official information about the Post-9/11 GI Bill (which offers a substantial increase in benefits) go to www.gibill.va.gov. Coast Guard members, both active duty and reserve, may also take advantage of the tuition assistance program that pays for

courses you take part time. (Speak to your recruiter about program details and eligibility.)

Free Health, Dental, Eye Care

While on active duty, you'll receive complete medical, dental and eye care, at no cost. Learn more about TRICARE by visiting www.tricare.mil.

Life Insurance

As an active-duty member, you have the option of selecting up to \$400,000 in life insurance at a minimal cost. You can also elect to purchase economical life insurance for your family.

OTHER BENEFITS

The benefits you'll receive on active duty also include excellent health and dental care and other benefits for your family. Plus, we allow both men and women to take up to two years off (without pay) to stay home with a newborn. At the end of the two years, you can rejoin at the same rank as when you left. New mothers also receive maternity leave with pay.

You'll have shopping privileges at military bases and access to discounted grocery, retail, and services. Purchases at commissaries and exchanges are not taxed.

Your retirement plan benefits include an option that rewards your 20 years of service with a monthly pension and continued military retired benefits. You can also take part in the government's Thrift Savings Plan. To learn more, visit www.tsp.gov.

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