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U.S. NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND
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Welcome aboard NAVCENT!

Congratulations on your orders to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command. We take great pleasure in welcoming you to Bahrain. You will soon join a mission essential group of professionals working to maintain peace in this area of the world.

We ask that you contact the team as soon as possible to provide us some basic information, such as your physical address, phone number, email address, travel itinerary and family information. Please keep us informed of your travel so we can be ready to pick you up at the airport. You can find information about NAVCENT at: <https://flankspeed.sharepoint-mil.us/sites/OneNet NAVCENT/SitePages/NAVCENT-Home.aspx>.

For your sponsor assignment, please email: navcentsponsorcoordinator@us.navy.mil. The team can also be reached via phone at DSN: 318-439-9538 / Commercial: 011-973-1785-9538.

Things to consider prior to your arrival:

1. Moving to an overseas location is expensive. You are advised to request Advance Pay, Advance Travel and DLA prior to arrival.
2. Apply and obtain an official passport as per the Foreign Clearance Guide as soon as you receive PCS orders prior to arrival in Bahrain (<https://apacs.milcloud.mil/fcg/fcg.cfm>). NAVPTO will not issue final PCS travel itineraries without an official passport.
3. Please discuss with your sponsor the security clearance level that will be required for the position you are assigned. If you do not have this clearance level or your clearance has lapsed, please ensure you start the security clearance process as soon as possible. Keep your sponsor informed if you experience issues or if your losing command cannot start the clearance process.
4. Your sponsor will provide you the documentation and training requirements that need to be completed prior to arrival to ensure timely activation of your **NIPR/SIPR** email accounts and issuing of devices (as applicable to your position).
5. Unaccompanied Sailors with dependents will in most situations have their BAH stop upon reporting. If applicable, request advance travel / delayed travel of dependents from your CPPA prior to departure. MyNavyHR has the complete guidance located at: <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/References/Pay-Benefits/N130C/>.
6. For Service Members reporting on unaccompanied orders, please review NAVSUPPACT BAH-RAININST 4650.3 CH-I and CUSNC/C5FINST 4650.2D located on the OneNet NAVCENT home page to ensure you understand the guidance governing dependent visitation.
7. Upon arrival, you will check into the NSA Bahrain Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS) or a local hotel depending on availability. Your sponsor will obtain lodging reservations and a certificate of non-availability (CNA) as necessary. The average bill for the first 10 days will be \$1300.00.

8. Bringing pets to Bahrain can be a complicated process, not only during your arrival but also when it is time to transfer, evacuate or depart the island. There are limited spots available on the AMC flight for pets. Flight heat embargos are also common which could restrict pet travel. Inform your sponsor early so they can get you the support needed.

9. Shipping vehicles into Bahrain also takes significant planning. Visit your local Transportation Office for more information. You can also visit <https://www.pcsmypov.com/> to receive additional guidance and find the nearest Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) to you.

10. A passport is required to obtain a local cellular number.

11. We recommend you have your Agency Program Coordinator (APC) increase your Government Travel Charge Card to \$10,000 and have it placed in a mission critical status.

12. Appropriate civilian clothing is required for travel in and around Bahrain. Military uniforms or PT gear are not allowed while transiting outside of base.

13. MyNavyFamily mobile application is the first tool by the U.S. Navy developed for Navy spouses and Sailors' families that combines authoritative information from about two dozen websites into a single, convenient application. Information and resources cover a wide variety of topics within the following categories: Mentorship & Networking, Employment & Adult Education, Family Financial Planning, Parenthood, Special Needs Family Support, Moving & Relocation, Service Member Deployment Emotional Support Services, Recreation, Lodging, Shopping & Travel, Family Emergencies Transition & Retirement, Parents & Family Members of Sailors, and Survivor's Resources. The application can be found at the following: <https://www.applocker.navy.mil>

14. **Key Points of Contact:**

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We look forward to you joining the NAVCENT team. This assignment is challenging but will be very rewarding. Once again, congratulations and welcome aboard!

Sincerely,



S.A. BASCOM
Staff Command Master Chief



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Chief of Staff