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STATION SEARCH AND RESCUE KEY WEST
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Dear Sailor:

Welcome to the Marlins of Station Search and Rescue (SAR) Key West. You are about to join a great team of professionals whose mission is to provide search and rescue support for tactical air combat training and persistent alert coverage for the Florida Keys. This duty will be both challenging and rewarding.

While assigned to Station SAR Key West, you will be located at NAS Key West, Boca Chica Field. Your sponsor will contact you shortly. If you have any immediate questions regarding your new assignment, please call your Sponsor or the Command Sponsorship Coordinator, AD1 Jones by calling (305) 293-2767 (Work) or (626) 746-8171 (Cell), or via email: Joshua.A.Jones221.mil@us.navy.mil.

Key West is a picturesque island paradise known for its stunning sunsets, rich history, and vibrant local culture. To experience everything Key West has to offer, you have the option of both on-base and off-base housing. On-base housing is available for both Officer and Enlisted personnel, and early contact with the Navy Housing Office is highly encouraged. If you plan to reside in off-base housing, you are strongly advised that affordable housing in the immediate Key West area is difficult to find. Rentals are limited, and the median rent is \$3,344 a month (plus utilities) year-round. It is imperative that you submit an advance application (DD 1746) with a copy of your orders and NAVPERS 1070/602/DD 93 (Record of Emergency Data/Dependency Application), or apply using the online Housing Early Application Tool at <https://ffr.cnmc.navy.mil/Navy-Housing/HEAT/>. Any housing questions may be directed to the Navy Housing Office by calling (305) 293-4466 or emailing keywest_housing@navy.mil.

Temporary accommodations may be made at the Navy Lodge by calling (305) 292-7556. If there is no availability at the Navy Lodge, request a certificate of non-availability. You can then take that certificate to Navy Gateway Inn and Suites at (305) 851-5780 or MWR Vacation Rentals at (305) 293-5001. Please be advised that pets are only allowed in the Navy Lodge, and private kennels are very expensive.

In addition, if you have school-aged children, I strongly encourage you to contact the School Liaison Officer (SLO) at (305) 393-9510.

Again, welcome aboard. Have a safe trip to Station SAR Key West, and I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

T. C. Olvey
Commander, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer