

WELCOME ABOARD!

CONGRATULATIONS! You have received orders to the premier GATOR, FIGHTIN' 50! Our Chain of Command stands by to assist and welcome you aboard, and to make your transition as smooth as possible. If we are underway when you arrive, you will check into TPU Norfolk (see number below) on the "No later than" date prescribed on your orders. Please email [SPONSOR REQUEST](#) and provide your mailing address, travel plans, and estimated reporting date in order for us to plan for your arrival and sponsor assignment. You may also email the [COMMAND MASTER CHIEF](#) with any further questions. Contact the quarterdeck if a ride is required.

LOCATION:

USS CARTER HALL is home ported at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek - Fort Story (JEBLC-FS). USS CARTER HALL is normally docked at the quay wall with ample parking in the vicinity of the ship. Only the Entry Control Points (ECP), located at the ends of the pier, will be open.

GPS ADDRESS AND BASE DIRECTIONS:

JEBLC Gate 5
Independence Blvd
Virginia Beach, VA 23455
-Go through gate 5
-Go left at Gator Blvd (Wendy's on left corner)
-Go through first stop sign, ship is down the road on the left

USEFUL WEBSITES:

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/service/navy>
<https://www.facebook.com/USSCarterHall>
www.lifelines.navy.mil/jebfcfs/index.htm

PHONE RESOURCES:

USS CARTER HALL QD: 757-462-7135
USS CARTER HALL CDO: 757-652-3235
USS CARTER HALL OMBUDSMAN: 757-285-9101
NAVAL STATION NORFOLK QD: 757-322-2366
NAVAL STATION NORFOLK TPU: 757-444-1640
FLEET AND FAMILY SERVICE CENTER: 757-462-7563

REPORTING UNIFORM:

SERVICE DRESS BLUES (Begins the 3rd Monday of October)
SERVICE DRESS WHITES (Begins 2nd Monday of April)

UNIFORM OF THE DAY:

NAVY WORKING UNIFORM (NWU)
FIRE RESISTANT COVERALLS (FRV-SUPPLIED BY SHIP)

VIRGINIA BEACH:

CARTERHALL is home ported at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek - Fort Story in Virginia Beach, Virginia. For those who are unfamiliar with the East Coast, Virginia Beach is located in the southeastern part of Virginia and is one of a group of cities collectively known as Hampton Roads. It is about 60 miles north of the North Carolina border and 200 miles south of Washington, D.C.

Virginia Beach is located at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay on the Bay's south side. A resort town well known for its beautiful beaches, plentiful seafood restaurants and extensive boardwalk, it is a popular tourist attraction for East Coast residents and Canadians. The Hampton Roads area has a large network of military bases, including Naval Operations Base (NOB) in Norfolk, a city which lies Northwest of Virginia Beach.

The weather in Hampton Roads area varies as the seasons change, and the humidity intensifies the extreme temperatures. In the summer, temperatures range in the 80s and 90s in the daytime and the 60s and 70s at night, and the water temperature will reach 80 degrees. In the winter, temperatures range in the 30s and 50s in the daytime and 20s the 40s at night, and the water temperature will dip into the 40s.

Although Virginia Beach occasionally receives snowfall and can have icy conditions, the snowfall generally does not accumulate compared to more Northern locations. The rainfall is consistent during all times of the year. If you like watching the seasons change, then break out your cameras. The fall foliage changes from green to brilliant shades of red, yellow, orange and brown. The beauty in this region of the country is a sight to behold.