**Military on Guam**

**Orders to Guam?** You have orders to Guam, the rock, and you're all bummed out? There is no need to be. You are heading to a true Pacific Island tropical paradise with plenty of activities to keep you busy. Guam offers wide beaches, snorkeling and scuba diving, deep sea sport fishing, world class golf courses, lush tropical jungles and a rich cultural and historical heritage. The Commander Naval Region Marianas main base and Andersen Air Force Base each have large well stocked commissaries and exchanges. Other support facilities include Navy and Air Force MWR facilities, scuba diving, military golf courses, secluded beaches and a marina.

Be sure to visit the official "[Navy Guam](http://www.guam.navy.mil/)" WEB Site or the [Andersen AFB site](https://www.andersen.af.mil/) for specific information about your new base, and for detailed information about Navy and Air Force units on Guam, military housing, medical and finance. The [Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) site](http://www.mwrguam.com) is a rich resource for military off-duty recreation opportunities. We also recommend that you ask your sponsor to send you a "welcome packet" for the base to which you will be reporting. And be sure to check out our other pages, listed to the left, for information about Guam's history and culture, landmarks, fun things to do and our extensive picture galleries. [Click here for useful telephone numbers](http://www.guam-online.com/military/military.htm#telephone#telephone).

**Golfing and other Recreational Activities**

[Guam offers seven world-class golf courses](http://www.guam-online.com/activities/activities.htm#guamgolf) designed by famous U.S. professional golfers such as Jack Nicolas and Arnold Palmer, which are open to the public and military are welcome. Military personnel also have access to excellent courses and facilities on Andersen AFB and the Navy's Nimitz Golf course in central Guam at Barragada. Shown here is a view of the 18th hole and Pacific Ocean from the Andersen golf course clubhouse and snack bar. Other on-base recreational facilities include outdoor swimming pools, boating and marina facilities, gyms and fitness centers, recreation centers, theaters, teen centers and singles organizations, dining and clubs, boating camping, and other recreational equipment rentals, fishing, auto craft shops and other activities you would expect to find on a large military base. Shown here is the Andersen Top of the Rock consolidated club and the Sumay Cove Marina at the Naval Station which offers boat and equipment rentals, harbor cruises on a 40 ft sailing sloop and mooring for privately owned boats. Boonie stomping is a popular island activity with weekly stomps offered through the Government of Guam's Department of Parks and Recreation. Navy and Air Force recreational services departments can also arrange for fishing trips, horse riding and other off-base activities.

[**Scuba Diving**](http://www.guam-online.com/activities/activities.htm#guamdiving)

Guam is one of the best dive destinations in the world. Located just off the Marianas Trench, the deepest part of the ocean in the world, Guam offers divers exceptionally clear waters that maintain temperature between 82-86 (28C) degrees year round, unspoiled coral reefs and sheer walls, hundreds of varieties of coral and fish, and a number of World War II airplane and ship wrecks. A number of marine preserves have been established to protect Guam's undersea life which are open to, and offer great experiences, to divers and underwater photographers. Dives can be initiated from the shore or boat, depending on the destination. Diving instruction, equipment and trip are offered by a number of commercial dive operators. [Check our "Fun things to Do](http://www.guam-online.com/activities/activities.htm#guamdiving)" page for more Guam Dive links or our photo gallery for some pictures of [Guam undersea life and seascapes](http://www.guam-online.com/gallery/dive).

**Military Beaches on Guam**

Guam is a true Pacific Island paradise with coral ringed beaches, warm crystal clear waters for snorkeling, scuba diving or just lounging on the clean white sand. Some of the best beaches on Guam are on the military bases and restricted for use of military personnel. The Naval station in central Guam offers Gab, popular for Snorkeling and scuba diving, There is a small beach and club on Polaris Point. Haputo Beach at the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station is popular for hiking, cave exploring and snorkeling. Tarague and Sirena beaches on Andersen AFB look out on the Pacific Ocean. Sirena Beach is a private beach available by reservation only. Facilities offered, either on the beach property or off-beach through recreation service offices, include cabanas, canoes, fishing boats, diving lessons, barbecue grills and picnic tables. Check with the Navy or Air Force recreation service offices for specifics.

**USO**

After a number of years absence, the United Service Organization has opened a new facility on Guam. Located in the Orchid Hotel in Tumon, the USO offers a number of services for military members and their families such as free computers and internet, complimentary coffee and refreshments, DVD movies with large screen projection, books, free phone home program, information about recreation in Guam’s tourism district and discount coupons. Navy MWR busses make scheduled stops and the Tumon trolley also stops at the USO.

**Travel Opportunities**

Located approximately 3,300 miles West of Hawaii, 1,500 miles East of the Philippines and 1,550 miles South of Japan, Guam is an ideal base for travel to many attractive Pacific and Asian destinations. The Northern Marianas Islands of Saipan and Tinian are highly desirable dive locations, are rich with historical and cultural sites and are only 30 minutes away by air. Japan, Korea and the Philippines are all within 4 hours with flights available daily. Flights to Hawaii and the U.S. Mainland also depart daily. Direct International commercial flights to other parts of Asia are currently limited: however, flights can be booked through Japan, Korea and the Philippines to such locations as Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Australia, Honk Kong and China. Military space available travel is available to many Pacific locations and back to the U.S. Mainland from the Andersen Air Terminal.

Guam has the potential to be one of the best tours of your career. Recreational opportunities abound. The people of Guam are proud of their culture, proud to be a part of the USA. The Military contribute a great deal to the economy of Guam and the Military, and Military personnel, are welcomed and treated extremely well on Guam. Enjoy the great leisure and recreational opportunities, but take time to learn some of the history and culture and to get out and meet some of the people. Check out our other links and get set for a great tour.

