Welcome

Welcome to the University of South Florida NROTC Buccaneer Battalion! The USF NROTC Unit develops NROTC Midshipmen, Marines in the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP), and Sailors in the Seaman to Admiral-21st Century (STA-21) program to serve as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. In addition to USF students, the Buccaneer Battalion also includes students from our cross-town affiliate, the University of Tampa (UT).

The Tampa Bay region is a large metropolitan area on the west coast of Florida that includes the cities of Tampa, Saint Petersburg, and Clearwater. With professional sports teams, amusement parks, beautiful beaches, and more, this area has much to offer.

A very military friendly community, Tampa is home to MacDill Air Force Base (AFB), which hosts both U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command. The base has a fullup commissary, medical and dental clinic, base-exchange, and military clothing store with basic uniform items for all services. Also, Navy Federal Credit Union has branches located in south Tampa near MacDill and in Clearwater.

Check-In

The NROTC Unit is located on the fourth deck of C.W. Bill Young Hall (CWY) on the USF Tampa campus (driving directions are below).

All Marines will check-in in the Service Alpha uniform and will bring their orders and medical/dental records. Marines checking in for the MECEP program will need to contact the Assistant Marine Officer Instructor (AMOI) at **(813) 974-3881**, prior to arriving.

All Navy personnel will check-in in the khaki uniform and will bring their orders and medical/dental records. Sailors reporting for the STA-21 program will need to contact the STA-21 advisor at **(813) 974-8250** prior to arriving.

The earlier you contact the unit, the better the unit staff will be able to support you.

Directions

Physical Address: 12303 USF Maple Drive, Tampa, Florida 33620

From I-75: Take exit 265 SR 582/Fowler Ave, head west on Fowler Avenue, turn right on USF Bull Run Drive, turn left on USF Alumni Drive, turn right onto USF Maple Drive, continue approximately a quarter mile to C.W. Bill Young Hall (CWY) on the right (the building with the large ROTC banner on the side).

From I-275: Take exit 51 SR 582/Fowler Ave, go east on Fowler Avenue, turn left on Leroy Collins Blvd (the main entrance to the USF campus), turn right on USF Alumni Drive, turn left onto USF Maple Drive, continue approximately a quarter mile to C.W. Bill Young Hall on the right (the building with the large ROTC banner on the side).

Parking: If you do not have a parking pass, you will need to park in one of the spaces labeled "Pay by Space" and pay a small hourly fee. A limited number of these spaces can be found in the CWY parking lot (lot 21), and more are located in lot 22A next to the Sun Dome just south of the CWY building. You can also purchase a visitor parking pass from Parking and Transportation Services at the Campus Information Center on Leroy Collins Blvd. You MUST pay for parking or you will get a ticket. See the USF Campus paragraph below for more information on parking.

Current USF campus maps can be found at:

http://www.usf.edu/administrative-services/parking/

Administrative Support

Administrative support for all active duty Marines is provided by the Inspector and Instructor (I&I) staff at 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion (AABn) in Tampa. Upon checking in at USF, arrangements will be made for you to check-in with the S-1 at 4th AABn I&I. Ensure that you bring your orders, all documentation needed for your travel claim, and any other pertinent documents.

Administrative support for Navy Personnel is provided by PSD Jacksonville, FL. Administrative dealings with the PSD are coordinated through the USF NROTC Human Resources Assistant, Mr. Harold McIver. If you have any questions, he may be reached at **(813) 974-3592** or **mciver@usf.edu**.

Medical/Dental

Medical and dental services for all active duty members of the USF NROTC Unit are provided at MacDill AFB in south Tampa. All members and their spouses will need to register at the TRICARE office at the MacDill AFB clinic during the check-in process. The TRICARE enrollment office can be reached by phone at **(813) 827-9900**. Medical and dental records will be held by the USF NROTC Human Resources Assistant, NOT turned-in to the MacDill AFB clinic.

Housing

As bachelor housing is not provided, all active duty personnel checking into the USF NROTC Unit will receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for the Tampa Bay area. Go to **http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm** and enter 33620 as the duty zip code to find the current BAH rates. The Tampa Bay region has numerous areas with countless housing communities and apartment complexes to meet everyone's needs. On-base housing at MacDill AFB is also available for service members with families. You can contact the MacDill Housing Office at **(813) 828-3166** for more information on signing up for base housing, or visit their website at **http://macdillafbhousing.com**. The MacDill Housing Office website has many helpful tools for finding off-base housing as well.

USF Campus

Parking: The USF campus does not have open parking. If you park your vehicle in a lot for which you do not have a permit, you WILL get a parking ticket. Students and staff members will need to purchase appropriate parking permits from USF Parking and Transportation Services. This can be done online through USF's OASIS system once the member has established his or her USF NetID. Students at UT will likely also need to purchase USF parking passes, since they are required to attend Naval Science classes and Leadership Lab at USF. Be prepared, parking at USF is expensive (approximately $183 for students and $270 for staff per year at last check). More information on parking permits and rules can be found at the USF Parking and Transportation Services website (**http://usfweb2.usf.edu/parking_services/default.asp**).

Veterans Services: Use of the Montgomery G.I. Bill, the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill, or any other VA benefits while at USF will need to be coordinated through the USF Veteran's Services office. Prior to using these benefits, you will need to request them by using the VA's Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP) website (http://www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/default.asp). This can be accomplished well before arriving at USF. The personnel at the USF Veterans Services office are extremely helpful and can provide assistance with requesting benefits, using the G.I. Bill, etc. Their office can be reached at **(813) 974-2291** or at **http://www.veterans.usf.edu/.**