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to
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MEMORANDUM FOR INBOUND PERSONNEL

FROM: 35 FW/CC

Subject: Welcome to Misawa Air Base

1. As the Misawa Air Base Installation and 35th Fighter Wing Commander, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to Misawa. This is a special base where members of U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force serve alongside Japan Air Self Defense Force personnel with a clear mission: To defend Japan and increase the security of the Pacific Region. Everyone takes great pride in being part of this diverse, mission-oriented team.

2. "Team Misawa" is consistently recognized for outstanding performance. In addition to many individual and unit awards, Misawa Air Base earned an overall "Excellent" rating in our 2007 Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Operational Readiness Inspection and was the 2005 Commander In Chief's Installation Excellence Award winner. We work hard, but we are also vigilant to take care of each other. Without question, our quality of life is second to none.

3. You are joining the Misawa family at a dynamic time. The installation has been expanding over the past 10 years and continues to grow! We are very proud of our outstanding facilities, including three schools, a state-of-the-art hospital, a consolidated club facility, a consolidated support building and a modern Base Exchange/Commissary mall. Recently completed projects include the Weasels' Den indoor recreation facility, the Mokuteki Community Center, a state-of-the-art Bong Theater/Training Center, and 138 new housing units, built in 2003-2006, with over 1,000 whole-house renovations to come in the next few years.

4. The local Misawa community provides many great opportunities to see Northern Japan. I strongly encourage you to get out and get involved. Our Japanese hosts are very friendly and will welcome you to experience their culture, food, dancing and festivals. The varied activities, both on and off base, offer something for everyone, and enhance our community spirit and teamwork.

5. Superior community standards and realistic training programs enable the 35th Fighter Wing and its tenant units to stand ready to respond on short notice whenever and wherever tasked. I am confident you will find your assignment at Misawa challenging and rewarding. Misawa is an excellent place to live, work, learn and play. Again, welcome to Misawa!

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35th Fighter Wing

The 35th Fighter Wing is the host unit at Misawa Air Base, Japan — the northernmost U.S. air base in Japan. The only combined, joint service installation in the Western Pacific, Misawa Air Base is located on the shores of Lake Ogawara in Misawa City in the Aomori Prefecture.

Mission

The wing's mission is to "assist in the defense of Japan and to promote regional security in the Pacific by providing forward presence, deployable forces, and quality mission support."

The 35th FW employs two squadrons of the Block 50 model F-16CJ Fighting Falcon. The wing conducts daily F-16 flight training to maintain its combat readiness edge. Its pilots fly air-to-air weapons delivery exercises over water and sharpen their air-to-ground skills using the Draughon Range located 12 miles north of Misawa.

In addition to its flight-training schedule, the wing holds quarterly local operational readiness exercises, which allow its people to concentrate training on war fighting skills essential for readiness. The 35th Fighter Wing also maintains its readiness by participating in Pacific Air Forces-sponsored exercises, including Cope Thunder in Alaska, and joint U.S. forces exercises, such as Cobra Gold in Thailand. Three times a year, the wing participates in 5th Air Force-sponsored Cope North bilateral exercises involving the United States and Japan.

Composition

Four groups are assigned to the 35th Fighter Wing: the 35th Maintenance Group, 35th Medical Group, 35th Mission Support Group and 35th Operations Group. The 35th Fighter Wing also serves as the host unit to a variety of associate units representing all four U.S. military services. These units include Naval Air Facility Misawa; Naval Security Group Activity Misawa; Sub-Unit 2, Company I Marine Support Battalion; 373d Intelligence Group, and the Army's 403d Military Intelligence Detachment.

History

Originally activated at Johnson Air Base, Japan on August 10, 1948 the wing carries the bestowed honors of the Army Air Force's 35th Fighter Group, established on December 22, 1939.

Through various reorganizations, redesignations, inactivations and reactivations, many installations throughout the globe became home to the 35th Fighter Wing and its changing mission.

Originally the 35th flew air defense over Japan but, in 1950, the wing deployed a tactical group and two squadrons to support ground forces during the Korean War.

From 1971 to 1992, the 35th called George Air Force Base, CA, home. During Operation DESERT STORM, the 35th operated out of Bahrain and played a key role in the war's successful air campaign, flying 3,072 combat missions totaling more than 10,000 hours. From May 1993 to September 1995, the 35th operated out of Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland.

After a 37-year absence, the 35th Fighter Wing returned to its roots October 1, 1994, when it replaced and assumed the mission of the 432nd Fighter Wing at Misawa Air Base. Since achieving initial operating capability with its F-16CJ aircraft in 1996, the wing's fighter squadrons deployed nine times to Southwest Asia for Operation SOUTHERN WATCH and three times for Operation NORTHERN WATCH. In March 2003, the 14 FS supported Operation IRAQI FREEDOM while deployed to SWA, flying 238 combat sorties and 1,336 hours including missions over Baghdad during "shock and awe," the opening night of the war.

Throughout the 35th Fighter Group's and 35th Fighter Wing's sixty-six year history, it has flown 25 different aircraft. Its major unit awards and citations include a Distinguished Unit Citation, a Presidential Unit Citation, a Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, six Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" device, eight Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, and three Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with Palm.

Naval Air Facility Misawa

The Mission of Naval Air Facility, Misawa is to maintain and operate facilities for and to provide support services and material to operational aviation activities and units of the United States Navy and other activities as directed by higher authority. NAF Misawa is host to 16 Navy commands and activities and includes approximately 660 Sailors and 591 dependants.

The NAF Commanding Officer is also the Area Coordinator for all Naval forces in Northern Japan. The NAF command structure has seven departments to include administration, safety, operations and supply. A variety of divisions are assigned under each department to handle specific jobs.

NAF Departments

NAF Misawa is made up of seven departments including:

- NAF Administration provides administrative support on a variety of correspondence, and is the sole collection and distribution point for all incoming and outgoing mail for all the tenant commands. Additional services include Command Career Counselor and Public Affairs Officer, and various special programs to Navy personnel.
- Navy Security Forces provides Physical Security and Force Protection to Naval assets and deployed forces. They maintain security over the Hachinohe POL and over 17 miles of associated pipeline. They also perform investigations, fingerprinting, and auxiliary forces training.
- Operations is divided into three divisions (Administration, Flight Support, and Ground Electronics) that perform many related tasks such as coordinating/scheduling of NALO flights and training, providing logistical support to NALO, tactical and other transient Navy, Marine and Army aircraft; and maintaining VHF ground to air and handheld communications for P-3 detachments deployed to Misawa and tenant commands.
- The Supply Department takes care of the Combined Bachelor Housing (CBH) and monitors the NAF fiscal budget. The CBH houses deployed squadrons, NAF personnel, tenant commands, and transient personnel. In 2006 the CBH staff was awarded the 6th consecutive Admiral Zumwalt Award for Bachelor Housing Excellence.
- ITOC Misawa provides local hands on Secret Internet Protocol Router Network and Non Secure Internet Protocol Router Network Local Area Network support for all Navy Misawa activities 12 hours a day, 5 days a week and on call for operational emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- The Safety Department provides regionalized safety services for Misawa such as explosive safety, traffic safety and off-duty/recreational safety. They work with 35FW Safety on winter awareness briefs, “Tie One On” campaigns, and hazard reporting. In 2006 the department was awarded the 6th Consecutive CNFJ NAVOSH Award for the Safety Program.

Tenant commands

NAF also plays host to several tenant commands at Misawa including:

- Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD) provides intermediate maintenance level support for deployed P-3 Orion aircraft and transient support for visiting Carrier Air Wings/Marine Air Groups and visiting aircraft.
- Aviation Support Division (ASD) provides Ready-for-Issue aviation material to organizational and intermediate level maintenance activities.
- CNFJ HRO provides a full range of civilian personnel actions for U.S. Naval Forces Activities and serviced Tenant Commands. The services include standard civilian personnel management functions of staffing, compensation, wage and classification, labor and employee relations and services, employee development, and equal employment opportunity.
- Commander Task force 57/72 maintains the operational readiness of forward deployed Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aviation Forces and operates the Tactical Support Center.
- Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) is a congressionally mandated program providing specialty services to children from birth to age twenty one.
- Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC Det) Site Misawa is responsible for the stock control, inventory accuracy, and material management of 6388 line items valued at $135,000,000 for deployed P-3 squadrons.
- Mobile Mine Assembly Unit Twelve (MOMAU 12) stores, maintains, and assembles underwater mines in support of CINCPACFLT and COMSEVENTHFLT mining operations.
- Naval Communications Detachment (NCD) provides tactical support and controls communications, manages the Communications Security Material System (CMS), and provides Gateguard technical assistance.
- Navy College Office provides professional counseling and advisement for Sailors on all matters relating to academic programs, tuition assistance, SMART Transcripts, SOCNAV agreements, CLEP/DANTES and Excelsior testing options.
- Navy Munitions Command (NMC) Misawa Annex is responsible for the receipt, stowage and issue of munitions for local, transient, and deployed pacific theatre commands. NAF Weapons consists of Aviation Ordnanceman who handle aviation Class V (A) ammunition issues from safety to procurement, storage, build-up, delivery, and subsequent aircraft loading and downloading. AOs are also responsible for the organizational and intermediate maintenance of equipment including aircraft weapons systems, guns, and gun pods.
- Naval Oceanography Antisubmarine Warfare Detachment (NPOD) provides meteorological and oceanographic services to all military activities, staffs, units, and to all transiting military units, including other local DoD activities requesting support.
- Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PSD) provides pay, personnel, and passenger transportation services to DoD personnel and their families.
- Public Works (NAVFAC FE) is in charge of facility support and planning, SRM & Facility Services, JFIP & Special Projects, engineering and acquisition, Base Support Vehicles and equipment, energy conservation and utilities management, environmental support, and has a Crane Certification Program.
- Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) Branch Misawa Japan provides a full panoply of government legal services, court-martial prosecution, and command legal advice and support.
- U.S. Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) in Misawa is a command of 300 sailors which continues a long-standing reputation for excellence handed down by its predecessors since 1971.
- Deployed patrol squadrons (VP) are temporarily assigned to Misawa on six-month rotations and are tasked with patrolling the waters for submarines and surface ships. The patrol squadrons fly

the latest models of the P-3 Orion pursuit aircraft and work closely with other Seventh Fleet units to provide long-range reconnaissance and surveillance.

Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Forces SEVENTH and FIFTH Fleet

Mission

The primary mission of Patrol and Reconnaissance Force SEVENTH Fleet/FIFTH Fleet (Task Force 72/Task Force 57) is to train and maintain the operational readiness of two forward deployed patrol squadrons of P-3C aircraft and two detachments of EP-3E Aries II aircraft.

The mission of the Lockheed-Martin P-3C is to conduct Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), fleet support and Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR) missions. The EP-3E Aries II provides signals intelligence reconnaissance that exploits a wide range of electronic emissions from deep within a targeted territory.

The Area of Responsibility includes 56 million square miles of the Pacific and Indian Oceans and the Arabian Gulf region, including the Red Sea and East Africa.

Composition

Task Force 72 is comprised of four Task Groups. They are located at Diego Garcia, BIOT, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan and two Task Groups located at NAF Misawa, Japan. A Tactical Support Center is located at each of these locations. Over 1,100 personnel and 12 P-3 aircraft from two patrol squadrons, one reconnaissance squadron detachment and SEVENTH Fleet special detachment and assigned surface ships, are assigned to Task Force 72.

Task Force 57 consists of two Task Groups located in Manama, Bahrain, as well as detachments from nine countries that comprise the Global War on Terrorism Coalition Members. Over 900 personnel and 18 aircraft are assigned to Task Force 57, including coalition forces members deployed for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

History

Commissioned in 1937 as Patrol Wing ONE, the Wing was first based at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. By 1942, the Wing sent a number of its squadrons forward to the Pacific and by the end of 1944, the Wing manned four separate bases. Altogether, more than thirty squadrons and fifteen seaplanes flew over 40,000 combat sorties.

From the outbreak of hostilities on the Korean Peninsula to the war's end, the Wing was assigned aerial reconnaissance of the East China Sea and Chinese coast from Korea to Hong Kong, and in doing so provided 24-hour coverage of the UN Forces' flanks and rear, allowing them to direct their focus northward.

The Wing, now known as CTF-72, assumed the additional designation as Coastal Surveillance Force, Vietnam in 1965. In 1968, during the PUEBLO incident, P-3s provided ASW protection by maintaining between one and three aircraft on station, around the clock, for nearly two months. Throughout the war, P-3s provided ASW coverage for Yankee station units, while electronic support from carrier-based EA-3 aircraft, WV-2Q and, after 1969, EP-3s assisted in countless air strikes.

Until 1967, the Wing's flag was flown from one of its seaplane tenders. In April of that year, the flag was shifted to a new permanent headquarters ashore at Naha, Okinawa. From this point forward, the patrol element of the Wing was composed exclusively of land-based aircraft.

On 23 February 1973, CTF-72 was relocated to Naval Radio Receiving Facility, Kami Seya, Japan. Five months later, when Patrol Force SEVENTH Fleet assumed full operational control of VQ-1, it was redesignated as Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, SEVENTH Fleet.

During the 1980s, ASW remained the focus of CTF-72's endeavors. During this decade, P-3's stood watch as they patrolled the Pacific Ocean, combating the threat of Soviet submarines during the Cold War.

As Operation DESERT SHIELD turned into DESERT STORM, P-3's flew an array of maritime missions, resulting in the complete destruction of the Iraqi Navy. Following the war, squadrons participated in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. In 1995, to facilitate command and control over the increasing number of missions flown in the Arabian Gulf, the Wing assumed additional duties as CTF-57.

On 13 September 2001, CTF-57 established an expeditionary staff in Bahrain from which it directed all U.S. and coalition Maritime and Reconnaissance missions in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), including countless missions overland Afghanistan. At the same time, CTF-72 oversaw similar operations in the Philippines.

In March 2003, CTF-57 demonstrated groundbreaking employment of MPRA aircraft overland Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. P-3s flew armed surveillance and reconnaissance missions, both overland and in maritime roles, while simultaneously supporting OEF in multiple theaters. The CTF-57 coalition maritime patrol and reconnaissance task force came together against global terrorism in a significant way. This coalition, composed of more than 2500 people and 13 MPRA aircraft from nine coalition nations, executed over 2100 sorties flying more than 20,500 hours.

Misawa Security Operations Center

An integral part of the U.S. military's intelligence community, the Misawa Security Operations Center at Misawa Air Base, Japan, is tasked with ensuring U.S. and allied forces have the needed secure communications and command, control and communication countermeasure support to thwart enemy counterintelligence agencies.

Composition

The MSOC is composed of U.S. military members from each of its four service branches. Four U.S. military units at Misawa make up the MSOC: the 373d Intelligence Group, the Naval Security Group Activity Misawa, the 403rd Military Intelligence Detachment, and Sub-Unit 2 Company I Marine Support Battalion.

Each unit under the MSOC provides similar functions, including: rapid radio relay; secure communications; and command, control, communications and countermeasure support to U.S. and allied forces.

Unit members develop and apply techniques and material designed to ensure that friendly command and control communications are secure and protected from hostile countermeasures including interference, jamming and intrusion. They also advise U.S. and allied commanders concerning procedures and techniques, which could be used to counter enemy command and control communications.

Additional functions include: transmission security, research into electronic phenomena, direction-finding assistance to air-sea rescue and navigational aid.

Japan Air Self Defense Force at Misawa Air Base

Misawa Air Base is the only military installation in Japan where the Japan Air Self Defense Force and U.S. Air Force conduct joint air operations. Misawa's strategic geographical location on the northern part of Japan's main island of Honshu is essential to the JASDF's northern defense role and the joint JASDF and U.S. military presence here produces a maximum level of security for Japan.

Units

There are 18 major JASDF units assigned to Misawa. Among the key JASDF organizations assigned here is the Northern Air Defense Force Headquarters, which is responsible for maintaining the air defense for northern Japan and to respond to air territory violations over this part of the nation.

The NADF features two front-line units -- the 2nd Air Wing based at Chitose Air Base on the island of Hokkaido and the 3rd Air Wing based at Misawa. The NADF also includes the Northern Aircraft Control and Warning Wing and two Patriot missile groups.

The 3rd Air Wing serves as the host unit for JASDF members and units assigned here. The wing's F-2 and F-4EJ jet fighters have a variety of missions, including close air support, marine air support and the air defense of northern Japan against violations of Japanese air territory.

Other JASDF units based at Misawa operate the T-4 trainer, E-2C Hawkeye and the CH-47 logistics helicopter.

FREQUENTLY USED RESOURCES

Relocating is an exciting and challenging experience. The following are some of the resources available to help your move go smoothly:

- **Your local Airman and Family Readiness Center, Fleet and Family Service Center, or Army Community Services:** These offices can provide access to information about Misawa and relocation in general.

- **Air Force Crossroads:** This site has information on all branches of the service by location. http://www.afcrossroads.com/

- **Air Force One Source:** This can be used by any branch of service or civilian personnel coming to Misawa. Sign in by using the following User ID: "airforce" and Password: "ready". It will prompt you to create your own password. Click on "Military Life" in the left hand area of the screen and then click "Military Relocation". www.airforceonesource.com

- **Cost of Living Allowance:** http://perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/

- **Department of Defense Dependents Schools:** Find out about school systems: www.odedodea.edu or www.schoolreport.com/

- **Federal Employment:** www.usajobs.opm.gov

- **Maps on-line:** www.mapquest.com

- **Misawa Air Base Sites**: The following two sites have links to each military unit (all services) on base. From home, use the public site at http://www.misawa.af.mil/. From ".mil" computers, go to the secure site at https://intranet.misawa.af.mil/.

- **Military One Source:** Similar to Air Force One Source. www.militaryonesource.com.

- **Military Home Front:** The official Department of Defense website for quality of life. www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil.
    - Helpful resources include Military Installations and Plan My Move

- **Overseas Housing Allowance:** If you're planning to live off base, look up the housing allowance at the following website: http://perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem/

- **Relocation Websites:** www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil, www.pcsamerica.net, or www.militaryonesource.com

- **Tohoku Region Guidebook:** Excellent resource to see all the travel opportunities available in Northern Japan. http://travel.japan-tohoku.com/

- **TRICARE:** www.ha.osd.mil/

- **Other websites:** www.misawajapan.com (current events and upcoming festivals) and www.japantoday.com (News - similar to USA Today website)

1. BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

***** Note *** All changes are effective with HHGs shipments to/from Japan with Pick-up dates on or after 01 March 2008 *****

Effective 1 Mar 08 Misawa Air Base authorizes 100% JFTR for accompanied Air Force members PCSing to or from Misawa.

Inbound personnel should be cautioned against shipping everything they own. Government and local economy housing in and around Misawa Air Base are generally smaller compared to those in the United States. Off-base homes range from 800 – 1400 square feet. For on-base housing square footage/floor plan information, please contact the Misawa Housing Office at housing@misawa.af.mil or call DSN: 315-226-3200. A good tool to help determine your approximate weight is located at http://jppso-sat.randolph.af.mil/weight-estimator.asp.

Inbound personnel must be counseled on the *non-availability* of government or local economy STORAGE facilities in and around Misawa Air Base. Storage is not available at Misawa, so members are highly encouraged to bring only essential furniture items to include living room sets (couch, chair, coffee table, end table, lamps), dining room sets (table and chairs), and bedroom sets (bed, dresser or chest, night stand, lamps) while storing non-essential furnishing items in NTS stateside. **EXCESS PROPERTY SHIPPED THAT WILL NOT FIT OR IS TOO LARGE FOR YOUR HOUSE AT MISAWA WILL NOT BE STORED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE**.

Inbound personnel must also be counseled that basic support items provided by Housing for the duration of their tour include a stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and adapters/transformers for both on-base and off-base (local economy) housing. INBOUND PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT SHIP MAJOR APPLIANCES, KING-SIZE OR CALIFORNIA KING BEDS. Make arrangements to procure adequate bed set to ship with HHG. ADDITIONAL ITEMS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR SHIPMENT INCLUDE: Large German shrunks, Jacuzzi, upright/deep freezers, waterbed, large antique furniture, curio style grandfather clock, oversized china cabinet, oversized wall units or wall to wall entertainment centers, oversized sectional sofa and oversized desk. Outdoor or patio furniture should not be shipped if Tower housing is preferred. FMO provides a basic loaner kit (temporary for 90 days).

Members are advised to contact their assigned sponsor before making any final arrangements for shipment of HHG to Misawa. Members may also contact Furnishings Management Office at **35ces.fmo@misawa.af.mil** for further information.

Don't let the movers pack the things you will need before you get to your new home. Here are some items you should plan to carry with you:

- PCS Orders
- Plane Tickets
- Passports
- Medical records, Shot Records, Prescriptions Drugs
- Household Inventory
- School Records
- Employment Documentation (resumes, letters of recommendation)
- Children's Need: toys, books, diapers, bottles, Etc.
- Pet Needs: Health Records, Carriers, Leashes, Dishes
- Clothes appropriate for season of travel

A. BILLETING ARRANGEMENTS:

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For Accompanied Members or Unaccompanied Members E-4 and above with more than 3 years of service:

- Misawa has (TLF) Temporary Living Facilities for incoming families. Reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Enlist the help of your sponsor or call DSN: 315-222-1182/1183 to make reservations in advance. Be sure to have your credit card ready and the exact date of your arrival. If you have special needs, such as a 1st floor room due to a medical condition, be sure to include that in your request. You are authorized to stay in TLF for 30 days based on a space-availability and also the availability of housing.
    - Pets are not allowed in base lodging. Arrangements must be made to board the pet(s) at the Base Kennel (226-2228), an off-base kennel (57-3423) or the Pets Are Worth Saving shelter on base (222-7002).

Unaccompanied Members E-4 and below with less than 3 years of service:

- TLF is not authorized for E-4s and below with less than 3 years of service. Send a copy of your orders to your sponsor so they can get a dorm room assigned. If you have questions, call the dorm managers office at DSN 226-4299, Bldg. 671 (across from the Mokuteki Café).

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You can call Misawa DSN or commercially, but keep in mind the time difference (see the Time Conversion Chart at the end of the "Before You Arrive" section).

Calling DSN:

- From within PACAF and PACOM, dial 222-xxxx for residential and 226-xxxx for duty phone numbers.
- From outside of PACAF, dial the PACAF DSN prefix, 315, and then the number.

Calling Commercial from the States:

- For numbers beginning with 222: dial 011-81-3117-62-xxxx.
- For numbers beginning with 226: dial 011-81-3117-66-xxxx.
- To place a call through the Misawa Base Operator, dial 011-81-176-53-5181.

Calling Commercial within Japan:

- For 222-xxxx numbers, dial 63-xxxx.
- For 226-xxxx numbers, dial 64-xxxx.
- If you are out of the local Misawa area, dial the 0176 area code first (0176-63-xxxx or 0176-64-xxxx)

C. CAR / LICENSE INFORMATION:

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Vehicles manufactured after 31 March 1978 **are not** authorized to be shipped to Misawa. It is not advisable to ship a car to Misawa for several reasons – high cost of extensive modifications needed to meet Japanese emission controls ($1,000 or more), lack of replacement parts, and steering wheel on "wrong" side of the vehicle makes driving hazardous. Vehicles may need to be converted back to original condition prior to shipping back to the U.S. for conformance with EPA/DOT standards. Reliable transportation can be easily obtained, either on-base or off-base, ranging from $1,000-$5,000. You may ship a motorcycle to Japan in your HHG shipment if they meet the emission and brake laws. For return shipment to U.S., you must show proof of shipment from the U.S. (use of inventory is valid). Motorcycles (50cc or more) must meet EPA/DOT requirements or your shipment will be held by U.S. customs at the port of entry.

To obtain a Japan driver's license; you must have a current and valid stateside license and take a written test. Japan uses international road signs, which are a little different than the States. We also drive on the "wrong" side of the road, which takes a little getting used to. Driver's Training is offered to new personnel every Wednesday and driver's licenses are issued at that time.

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Government Housing

Misawa has plenty of housing opportunities both on and off base. However, your rank and whether you are accompanied by family members will determine your eligibility and length of waiting times for various housing options.

As soon as you know you are coming to Misawa, you should contact the Housing Office, Navy billeting or Air Force dormitory. In general, personnel can expect an estimated wait of 0-3 months to obtain a military family housing assignment. There is a two pet limit per household for on-base quarters.

Military Family Housing units on the Misawa AB are located in two separate housing areas. There are 884 apartment style homes, both 2 and 3 bedrooms, located in 13 towers. In addition, there are 1,138 townhouses with 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units available. Generally, 2 bedroom units are 1,038 square feet, 3 bedroom units are 1,470 square feet and 4 bedroom units are 1,585 square feet. One housing area is located on the main base where some amenities are located and the majority of people work. The second is North Area, which is a 10 minute drive from the Main base and contains housing, Cummings elementary school, CDC, Fitness center and shoppette complex, Dry cleaners, Baskin Robbins, 24 hours gas station, Robin hood, Anthony's pizza.

No base housing units are air conditioned nor are air conditioners permitted, so plan on bringing room fans. Ceiling fans may be already installed. Early summer months are rainy and foggy and therefore, humid. In contrast, the winters are dry. Consider dehumidifiers for summer and humidifiers for winter.

All personnel relocating should contact the Traffic Management Flight Office in Misawa to ensure what their weight entitlements are. Unaccompanied personnel have similar weight entitlements as accompanied; however, if residing in the dorms there will be no place for personal furniture or large items. All major appliances (stove, fridge, washer, and dryer) are provided in both on and off base housing. All housing in the area is generally smaller than what you would find in the States. It is recommended that you leave large furniture items or excess household goods in stateside non-temporary storage. There is no non-temporary storage available at Misawa.

Check-in Procedures

Please see the Housing Office within 48 hours after arrival. All new personnel arriving to Misawa require a briefing at the Housing Office or the Consolidated Dorm Management Office as part of in-processing to discuss entitlements, eligibility, and possibly receive an assignment to a residence/dorm. You will be required to present your orders to check into either permanent or temporary lodging at this time.

Eligibility

All military members and DoD civilians with command sponsored dependents, regardless of grade, are eligible to apply for base housing at Misawa AFB.

Availability

Military Family Housing is not always immediately available upon your arrival to Misawa. Currently, the estimated waiting period is 0-3 months depending on rank, family size. You should be prepared to live in the Temporary Lodging Facility (TLF) for approximately 30 days or temporarily in a home off the installation.

Waiting Times

In general, personnel can expect to wait 0-3 months to obtain a military family housing assignment.

Wait List Control Date

Military Family Housing is not always immediately available upon your arrival to Misawa. Currently, the waiting period is 0-3 months depending on rank, family size; you should be prepared to live in the Temporary Lodging Facility (TLF) for approximately 30 days or reside in a home off the installation.

Assignments for Misawa AB housing are made from the top of the waiting list. When on base housing is unavailable upon arrival, the member is required to live off base. You will not lose your position on the wait list and continue to move up the on base housing waiting list until you are offered an on base housing unit. Off base leases are usually 6 months long with a 30 day notice to terminate.

Command Sponsorship Policy

If your orders do not state that you are on an accompanied or joint-spouse tour, or your dependents are not listed on your PCS orders, you must provide proof of tour/command sponsorship in order to be placed on the waiting list for government housing. For Army and Air Force personnel, this may be in the form of a letter issued by your servicing Personnel Office. For Navy and Marine personnel, it must be PSD Form 11101/1. If your dependents do not accompany you initially to Misawa, they must arrive within 30 days of accepting government quarters for housing to be authorized. Non-command sponsored family members may visit personnel residing in government housing but can only establish long-term residency off base.

Pets

You may only have two pets in housing. This does not include animals that permanently reside in cages or tanks (e.g., hamsters, turtles, etc.).

If you wish to have a pet other than a cat, dog, gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, white mouse, rabbit, fish, turtle, passerine bird (perching birds and song birds), or psittacine bird (parrots), you must submit a written request to the base veterinarian for consideration before acceptance to housing.

Pets that are outside the quarters must be under hand-held leash control, inside a fenced yard, or on an in-ground anchor with the pet owner present and in control of the pet. If you have a dog that barks excessively causing neighborhood disturbance, you must immediately quiet the animal.

Pets are not allowed in public buildings, swimming pools, sports areas, tennis courts, parade grounds, playgrounds, ball fields, basketball courts, beaches, public gatherings, or the golf course unless approved by the base veterinarian.

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Pet owners must report lost, deceased, and/or new pets to the base Veterinary Treatment Facility within 24 hours.

Should your pet escape from your control, you should contact the Veterinary Clinic. If your animal is apprehended by security forces, civil engineering, or veterinary services you will be cited. If cited more than twice in a 12-month period, you may be required to remove the animal from base.

If you are transferring from Misawa and cannot or do not want to take your pet(s), you must find a new owner before moving or releasing custody of the animal(s). The pet's medical treatment record must be transferred into the name of the new owner while both parties are present at the Veterinary Treatment Facility. If a pet escapes before moving, the veterinary clinic must be notified and given a forwarding address, forwarding telephone number, and local person for point of contact. A Special Power of Attorney must be granted to someone to provide for shipment of the pet upon capture. The owner is responsible for all shipping costs incurred by the person granted Power of Attorney. Failure to comply with the prevention of animal abandonment can result in administrative action against the sponsor.

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Single Service Member Housing

Air Force Dormitories are available for unaccompanied or single Air Force personnel. It is mandatory for all E-4 and below to live in the dorms. Others are eligible based on space availability, which is limited. Unaccompanied Air Force E-5 and above should expect to live in off base housing. When dorms are at capacity, E-4 and below can apply for approval to move off base.

The squadron or sponsor will take care of getting a dorm room for you as soon as they are notified of incoming personnel. They can also have your room ready for you upon your arrival, reducing your transition time. Please see the consolidated Dorm Manager DSN-315-226-4000

Dormitory conditions are good. There are 795 rooms that are approximately 280 square feet. Each one is a private room with private bath. All rooms are fully furnished with refrigerator, microwave, desk/chair, full size bed, armoire, and night stand and/or wardrobe closet.

Navy Combined Bachelor Housing manages 299 permanent and 475 transient dorm rooms for the Navy. Currently, all unaccompanied E-6 and below are required to live in the dorms. Exceptions are made when rooms are filled to capacity, which is rare. Rooms are of similar size and furnishings as the Air Force; however, every two private rooms share a bathroom. There are TV lounges with VCRs, recreation rooms, and laundry facilities in the dormitories. Arrangements for a room can be made prior to arrival through a sponsor or by contacting Navy Billeting.

Both Navy and Air Force work to maintain unit integrity throughout the dorms. There are outdoor gazebos and barbecue pits for residents' use for parties or events. There is a campus like atmosphere with sidewalks and exterior lighting that makes for a safe environment. The dorms are close to the BX, commissary, theatre, chapel, shopette, food drive-ins, gym, post office and dining hall. Covered bike racks and storage sheds for snow tires/motorcycles are available.

Exceptional Family Member Housing

At this time, Misawa does not have any exceptional family member housing. There are very limited facilities for family members with Special Needs. In addition, the housing units on base are not air conditioned. The lack of modified housing is considered during the overseas travel clearance process for family members.

Non-Government Housing

Rental Options

If you choose to live off base, there are many new “American” style homes that provide all the comforts you would expect. Off-base housing provides a unique opportunity to see and enjoy the Japanese lifestyle. The Housing Office maintains a listing of off base rental properties, maps of the local Misawa area, and a list of English speaking real estate agents to assist you in your search. However, a sponsor will be extremely helpful during this process since

you will be responsible for locating and viewing the homes on your own. Off base rentals are normally abundant; however, selection and availability of suitable homes may be reduced after peak PCS season.

Japanese homes are smaller than those in the U.S., so be prepared. Housing is also significantly more expensive. However, your housing allowance ceiling is normally enough to cover homes that are available. The table below displays approximate sizes and their associated rents. Please note that large homes, 4-5 bedrooms, are extremely limited. A 50,000 Yen ($500) - 100,000 Yen ($1000) damage deposit will be required. Most units will not allow pets and those that do will charge a $500-$1000 non-refundable deposit.

Rental Properties			
# of Bedrooms	**Square Footage**	**Garage/Car Port**	**Rent**
2	900-1100	1 car	$850-$1300
3	1100-1690	1 car	$1000-$1700
4	1800-2300	2 car	$1800-$2000
5	2300+	2 car	$2300+

It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that individuals know their responsibilities as outlined under the Japanese lease agreement when leasing off-base housing. Some agreements require utilities (heat) be left on during winter months to ensure no plumbing damage occur (frozen pipes-etc.). In the past, individuals have incurred considerable financial responsibility for damage to leased property in this respect. If unsure of your responsibilities, ask a Housing Office representative.

If you have any questions regarding off base housing, please contact the Misawa Housing Office at 011-81-3117-66-3200 or DSN: 315-226-3200.

Purchase Options

You cannot purchase a home in Misawa.

Mobile Homes

There are no mobile home parks available to military in Misawa.

4. Housing Frequently Asked Questions (1 Feb 2006)

a. Do you have housing for pay grades E1-E3? **YES**

b. How many housing units do you have available for each category?

Military Family Housing units on the Misawa AB are located in two separate housing areas. There are 884 apartment style homes, both 2 and 3 bedrooms, located in 13 towers. In addition, there are 1,138 townhouses with 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units available. Generally, 2 bedroom units are 1,038 square feet, 3 bedroom units are 1,470 square feet and 4 bedroom units are 1,585 square feet. One housing area is located on the main base where some amenities are located and the majority of people work. The second is North Area, which is a 10 minute drive from the Main base and contains housing, Cummings elementary school, CDC, Fitness center and shoppette complex, Dry cleaners, Baskin Robbins, 24 hours gas station, Robin hood, Anthony's pizza.

c. How soon can I expect to be housed in military family housing upon arrival? **0-3 months**

d. What is the average cost of a rental house in the local area? **$900 to $2000**

e. What is the average cost of utilities per month? **$150 to $500**

f. What does telephone and cable installation usually cost?
Phone line: $300-500 **Cable: $150**
Cost for cable can range up to **$80.00** a month maximum

5. Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA)

Members on concurrent travel or unaccompanied members in pay grade E-5 and above are entitled to TLA. TLA begins on the day of arrival at Misawa AB (date shown on your travel voucher). To claim TLA, you must first register with the Housing Office (within two duty days of arrival and process through the Lodging Office.) Lodging will provide documentation you will need to submit with your claim. You must report to the Housing Office at least every 10 days to revalidate the need for continued TLA payments. A written request for extension is required for anything over 30 days.

Once you receive permanent housing, you must move in on the first available date or lose entitlement. Should on-base housing be offered and member declines the unit, TLA will stop no later than the available date for the offered quarters. Should member be looking off-base and decline two appropriate units, TLA will stop on the day second unit would be available.

OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE - MISAWA AB, JAPAN

as of 01 May 08 - $1.00 = ¥98.82

Grade	Max Rent W/Dep		Max Rent W/O Dep	
E-1	¥170,000	$1,720.30	¥153,000	$1,548.27
E-2	¥170,000	$1,720.30	¥153,000	$1,548.27
E-3	¥170,000	$1,720.30	¥153,000	$1,548.27
E-4	¥170,000	$1,720.30	¥153,500	$1,548.27
E-5	¥195,000	$1,973.28	¥175,500	$1,775.95
E-6	¥200,000	$2,023.88	¥180,000	$1,821.49
E-7	¥200,000	$2,023.88	¥180,000	$1,821.49
E-8	¥200,000	$2,023.88	¥180,000	$1,821.49
E-9	¥200,000	$2,023.88	¥180,000	$1,821.49
O-1	¥195,000	$1,973.28	¥175,500	$1,775.95
O-1E	¥200,000	$2,023.88	¥180,000	$1,821.49
O-2	¥195,000	$1,973.28	¥175,500	$1,775.95
O-2E	¥200,000	$2,023.88	¥180,000	$1,821.49
O-3	¥200,000	$2,023.88	¥180,000	$1,821.49
O-3E	¥200,000	$2,023.88	¥180,000	$1,821.49
O-4	¥200,000	$2,023.88	¥180,000	$1,821.49
O-5	¥210,000	$2,125.08	¥189,000	$1,912.57
O-6	¥210,000	$2,125.08	¥189,000	$1,912.57

UTILITY ALLOWANCE

W/O DEPS:	$ 635.09	¥ 62,760
W/DEPS:	$ 846.79	¥ 83,680
2 MIL SHARE:	$ 423.39	¥ 41,840
MIHA:	$ 691.38	¥ 68,322

All overseas housing allowance and utility allowance rates are subject to change, depending on Yen rate.

Housing Allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web Sites: http://perdiem.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem

E. MAIL BOX:

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Send a full copy of your orders to your sponsor and ask them to get a mail box prior to your arrival. Or fax a copy of your orders to the Post Office Customer Service at DSN 226-2541 requesting a box number.

F. PETS:

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For complete information on PCSing with a pet to Misawa go to the following websites:

http://www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/import.aspx
http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/dog/index.html

Other good resources are:

- Air Force Crossroads: http://www.afcrossroads.com
- Military Homefront: http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil

For information on having pets in your on- or off-base quarters, please refer to the Housing section of this booklet.

1. Pet Import Requirements:

- Japan discourages the importation of dogs and cats under the age of 12 months. These pets rarely meet the vaccination and FAVN testing requirements. Pets under the age of 12 months can be imported but must start with a 180 day quarantine period.
- All dogs and cats must **FIRST** obtain a microchip prior to receiving any vaccinations and FAVN testing. The microchip number must be included on the rabies and health certificates and on the Fluorescent Antibody Viral Neutralization (FAVN) Results form.
- All dogs and cats arriving from a non-rabies free country or area must be vaccinated with an inactivated rabies vaccine at least 30 days and not more than 12 months prior to arriving and must show a history of 2 rabies vaccinations.
- All dogs and cats must have a Fluorescent Antibody Viral Neutralization (FAVN) Test performed. This test measures the protective antibody level against rabies.
- All dogs and cats must have a health and rabies certificate issued by a Military Veterinarian. A USDA Federal Veterinarian (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/area_offices.htm) must certify with a raised seal all certificates issued by civilian veterinarians.
- All dogs and cats must give prior notification to the Japan Animal Quarantine Service as soon as commercial transportation is scheduled. http://www.maff.go.jp/aqs/english/animal/dog/index.html

2. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR ENTRY TO JAPAN:

All of the following documents must be attached to the outside of the airline kennel (Ziploc bag works best). Label the bag: "Export/Import Pet Documents."

A Pet Processing Checklist is available at the Japan District Veterinary Command (JDVC) website http://www.usarj.army.mil/organization/vet/index.htm . They also have all the required forms mentioned above posted online. This site is a great source of information for all your pet concerns in Japan.

a. Travel orders [2 copies of PCS orders for each pet].

b. Rabies Vaccination Certificate (DD Form 2208; 2 copies and original).

c. Health Certificate (MDJ OP Form 2209; Veterinary Health Certificate for Import/Export for Japan; 2 copies and original), the health certificate cannot be older than 10 days. If there is a layover that will cause your health certificate to expire, then a new health certificate must be obtained. Health certificates must list last 2 rabies vaccinations including manufacturer, LOT #, and expiration date of vaccine. It must also include the Pet microchip number. If a civilian Vet issues the health certificate, the additional requirement of obtaining a raised USDA seal from the closest USDA office on both the health certificate and the rabies certificate is mandatory. A listing of offices is available on the JDVC website given in the contacts section below.

d. MDJ OP Form 2209 (Japan Ministry of Agriculture Advance Notification Form). If the animal travels via commercial air, the pet owner must fax an advance notification form to the commercial port of entry. A notification approval will be returned by the GOJ Animal Quarantine Service. This approval is used when checking in with the airline when departing for Japan. The owner must also show this approval to GOJ authorities upon arrival in Japan.

e. MDJ Form 270 (Pet Quarantine and Examination Certificate; 2 copies) All SOFA status personnel entering Japan with a pet are required to complete a MDJ 270. Be prepared to provide the following information.

(1) Military Address
(2) Organization
(3) Name of the military installation where the animal will be presented for the final physical examination or quarantine.

The MDJ 270 allows your pet to be released to you for transportation to your US Military Quarantine Facility. Based on how many of the requirements you meet determines the time your animal must remain in quarantine ranging from 14 to 180 days. Currently, this is an in home quarantine on Misawa AB since there is no Japan Quarantine Facility near Misawa. However, this requirement is currently being renegotiated and may change. Please download the form and fill it out before arrival. You are required to submit the form to your US Military Veterinary Treatment Facility within 72 hours of entry into Japan.

f. USFJ Form 380 EJ (Customs Free Import or Export of Cargo or Customs Declaration of Personal Property) needed only if shipping animal as cargo.

3. TRANSPORTATION OF PETS:

IMPORTANT - All incoming animals must enter Japan through officially designated ports in order to clear the Japanese Animal Quarantine service. The Airport designated for CONUS and other countries is Narita International Airport. Japanese Animal Quarantine Offices are closed from 1200 Saturday until Monday 0800. Therefore, animals arriving after 1200 Saturday must remain in the airline kennels. The cost in this action, plus the cost of transportation to the final destination, is the sole responsibility of the owner. *Ideally, flights selected should arrive during normal working hours. Contact the Animal Quarantine Office for more information: 011 - 0476 – 32 – 6664*

While traveling by air, the animal must be in a cage approved by the International Air Transportation Association and be large enough for the animal to stand up, turn around, and lie down with normal posture and body movements. Several layers of newspaper, shredded paper, or absorbent material should be placed in the bottom of the container. Do not use straw, hay, grass, sawdust, sand, or soil. Pets must be individually caged. A familiar article or toy in the cage may placate the animal. Pets should be lightly fed and given water before turn-in for shipment. It should also be exercised before being brought to the terminal. Some animals with snub noses may experience respiratory difficulty in flight. Ensure containers have adequate ventilation and pets are free of respiratory problems.

Travelers must also remember that US flag commercial airlines and the Japan Air Lines (JAL) will not accept pets when the temperature is above 85 degrees (effective from 15 May thru 15 Sep). There are also restrictions for certain breeds once the temperature reaches 70 degrees. Please confirm policies with the carrier you fly with. Booking an early morning or late evening flight could help avoid delays due to these restrictions.

a. Commercial Plane:

Make sure you schedule you commercial flights carefully so that animal customs inspection can be preformed when you arrive. JAQS is CLOSED between 1200 Saturday and 0800 Monday. Animals arriving between these times must remain in the airline kennels until Monday. The cost of the stay and cost of transportation to the final destination is the responsibility of the owner. The cost is rather expensive, so one should select flights that arrive during normal work hours.

Pets must be caged in an approved carrier and are generally limited to 45 kg (99 lbs) with carrier. Pet fees vary by airline but can range anywhere between $40-$250 per airline which is not reimbursable. Small animals that fit safely and comfortable in a hard sided carrier that fits under the seat can be carried in the cabin if prearranged. If you fly commercial, you will also need to transfer airports in Tokyo which can take from 1 to 3 hours depending on traffic. You may be required to stay overnight in Tokyo. Most hotels do not allow pets but the Narita Radisson Hotel will. You can call them directly at 011-81-476-93-1234 or 1-800-333-3333 for worldwide reservations.

b. Transport Between The Two Tokyo Airports:

- Travelers with small pets (in cages) can utilize the ***AIRPORT LIMOUSINE*** service for transportation between airports. Prices range from 3,000 to 6,000 yen per pet.

  Travelers with small pets may also travel via **Japan Rail Line** to Misawa. Travel arrangements can easily be made at Japan Rail counter in the basement of Terminal 1 or Terminal 2. Criteria for rail: Size of cage (L + W + H): No more than 35"; Weight: Maximum 21 lbs with cage. Pets must always be in view of the owner. The cage must not be an obstacle in the path of any passengers. (Note: The cage must be kept at the passenger's seat, not between cars).

- Travelers with large pets - there are several options as follows:

  - **Van services from Narita to Haneda:** This service is available through Yokota AB. Ask your sponsor to contact 374th FSS Vehicle Operations at DSN 315-225-3818, 7720 or 9519 with your flight/pet information and arrange for a van to transport you and your pet from Narita to Haneda. The estimated price of $200 is based on a $25 per hour rate charge. This rate includes the driver however the time starts from Yokota (van location) ~Narita~Haneda and then back to Yokota, estimated time round trip 8 hours. Reservations should be made in advance to ensure van availability.

    374 FSS Vehicle Operations
    M-F 0630-1700

DSN 315-225-3818, 7720 or 9519

- **Asuka Koutsu** will offer transportation by reservation only. Reservations are accepted up to 2 weeks in advance but must be made no later than 1 day prior to pick-up. Cost is 21,300 Yen (in Sep 06). Phone number is 03-5737-8111 (from overseas, country code for Japan is 81-3-57537-8111).

- **Fixed Fare Taxi:** Fixed Fare Taxi Service (FFTS) is a one-way only service from Narita to Haneda service. FFTS from Narita Airport are designated into zones in Tokyo. A taxi to Haneda Airport is in Zone C "Ota". FFTS taxi stands at Narita Airport are located at the following Terminals. Terminal 1: Station 15 and Terminal 2: Station 29, 30. The cost for transportation for fixed taxi service is approximately $190.00 or 22,000 yen (in Sep 06) and the member is responsible for highway tolls. This should cost approx. $21.00 or 2400 yen. The taxi service accepts multiple forms of payment, Visa, MasterCard or cash. Also, van service is available for larger families. For more information regarding this service you can call +81 (0)476-34-8755 or visit http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/bus/index.html

- **Pet Hotel:** Narita Airport has a "Pet Hotel" in the basement of Terminal 2. Travelers who must stay at a local hotel can leave their pet here overnight. Price depends on the size of the pet.

4. LODGING OF PETS:

If your pet is coming with you, be sure your sponsor makes arrangements with lodging for you and your pet. Pets are not allowed in base lodging so you or your sponsor will need to make arrangements to board the pet(s) at the Base Kennel (226-2228), an off-base kennel (57-3423) or the Pets Are Worth Saving shelter on base (222-7002).

5. COMMUNITY PET REGULATIONS:

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G. TRICARE COVERAGE WHEN PCSING:

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You are covered by your previous TRICARE region until you in-process with TRICARE at Misawa. For non-urgent care at non-military clinics during your PCS, you will need preauthorization from your losing TRICARE center. **Make sure you have the contact information for your losing TRICARE center during your PCS**. For urgent care, you can be treated at any emergency room and be covered by your losing TRICARE region. For more information, check out the TRICARE website at www.tricare.osd.mil for all your Tricare needs. Upon arrival to Misawa, you must re-register with TRICARE to transfer your coverage to this region.

2. ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Traveling to Misawa

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- **AMC Travel from Seattle:** This option is no longer available. However, if you fly AMC to Yokota AB, you'll have to take a commercial shuttle bus to get to Haneda Airport and fly JAL (Japan Air Line) to Misawa Airport. Please ask your sponsor to contact Yokota AB to get instructions how to get to Haneda AP.

• **Commercial Travel through Narita Airport:** Full information on Narita International Airport is online at http://www.narita-airport.jp/en/index.html.
Before you land at Narita, you will be given a Customs and Embarkation form. Fill the document out completely before leaving the aircraft. Any questions about the forms can be directed to the flight attendants. You will need to have it and your passport/orders readily available before you enter Customs. (Note: Active duty military members assigned to Japan are not required to have passports.)
As you depart the plane, follow the signs marked "CUSTOMS". After you pass through the Immigration booth, proceed downstairs to the Baggage Claim. The electronic marquee will indicate which carousel your baggage will be on. Once you have your baggage, go through the Customs baggage checkpoint. They will need to see your passport and baggage claim tickets. After clearing customs, you will need to depart through the EXIT and arrange for bus transportation to Haneda Airport.
If you have any problems or questions, a DoD Liaison counter (open daily, 1200 to 2000) is located on the 1st floor in Terminal 1 to assist all DoD passengers. There are several restaurants at Narita that serve American style food, while Haneda has limited American style restaurants.

- **DoD Liaison Counter**

Narita has two terminals, with U.S. carriers using the following:

Terminal 1	**Terminal 2**
Delta Airlines	American Airlines
Northwest Airlines	
United Airlines	
Continental Airlines	
US Airways	

The DoD Liaison Counter will assist all DoD passengers. Travelers arriving at Terminal 1 should proceed through the customs exit area and immediately turn left. The DoD Liaison Counter is located a very short distance from the North Wing customs exit area (see map, below). South Wing arrivals will have a longer walk to the DoD Liaison Counter. There is a "**DoD Liaison**" sign posted in front of the counter. If you arrive in Terminal 2 and want assistance from the DoD Liaison Counter, go to bus stop 8 or 18; the bus will bring you to Terminal 1 and the ride is free. Enter Terminal 1 on the first floor and immediately turn right and look for the "**DoD Liaison**" sign. The DoD representative can assist with directions to your final destination and provide Yokota, Yokosuka, Atsugi, and Camp Zama bus schedules. Please check with the ***AIRPORT LIMOUSINE*** representative for those passengers wanting to travel by train or bus to Yokota AB (Fussa Station).

- **Connecting between Narita Terminals**

Terminal Connection Bus (free of charge) is available for transfers between Terminals 1 and 2.

Terminal Connection Bus Stops:

Terminal 1, Arrivals level (1st Floor): Stop No. 6

Terminal 2, Arrivals level (1st Floor): Stop No. 8 and 18

Travel Time: Approximately 10 minutes

Operating Hours: 0630-2230

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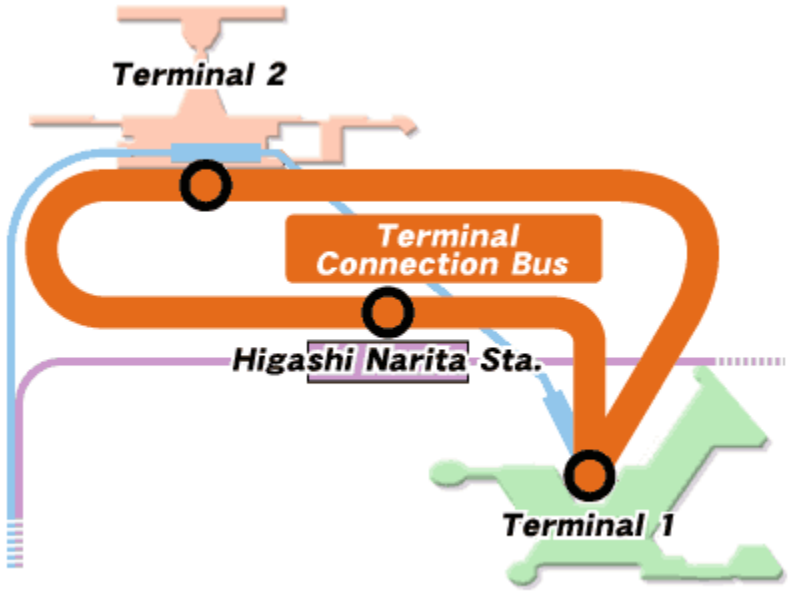

Traveling Time	Approx. 10 min.	
Operating hours	6:30～22:30	
Operating Intervals	(1) 7:30～9:00 (Approx. every 10 minutes) (2) 9:00～19:00 (Approx. every 8 minutes) (3) 19:30～20:00 (Approx. every 12 minutes) (4) 6:30～7:30,20:00～22:30 (Approx. every 20 minutes)	
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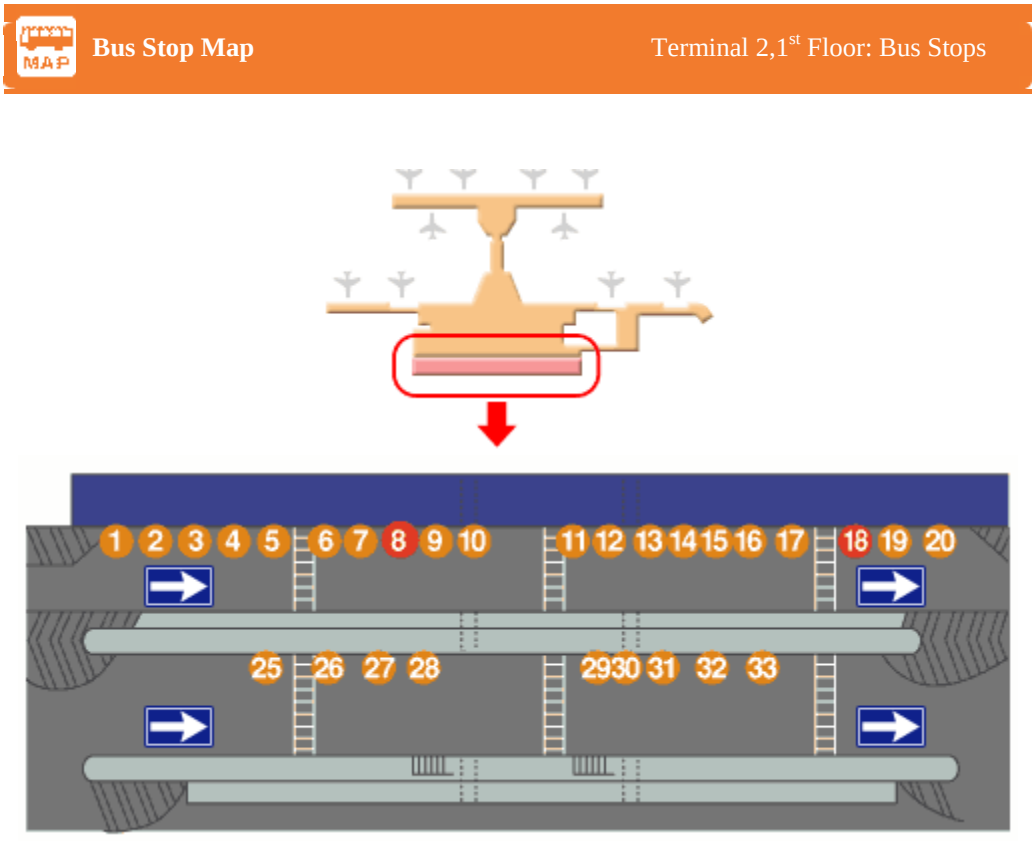
Terminal Connection Bus Stops.

Terminal 1, Arrivals level (1st Floor)	Bus stop No.6
Terminal 2, Arrivals level (1st Floor)	Bus stop No.8 &18



Terminal connection bus

- **Bus Transportation from Narita Airport to Haneda Airport:**

There are no flights directly from Narita to Misawa. Misawa-bound travelers must go to Haneda (Tokyo) Airport for connecting flights to Misawa City airport. Misawa travelers arriving at Narita must procure bus transportation from Narita to Haneda (HND) and must have airline tickets from Haneda to Misawa. Although the DoD Liaison Counter can help getting you to Haneda Airport, it is not difficult to arrange your own bus transportation.

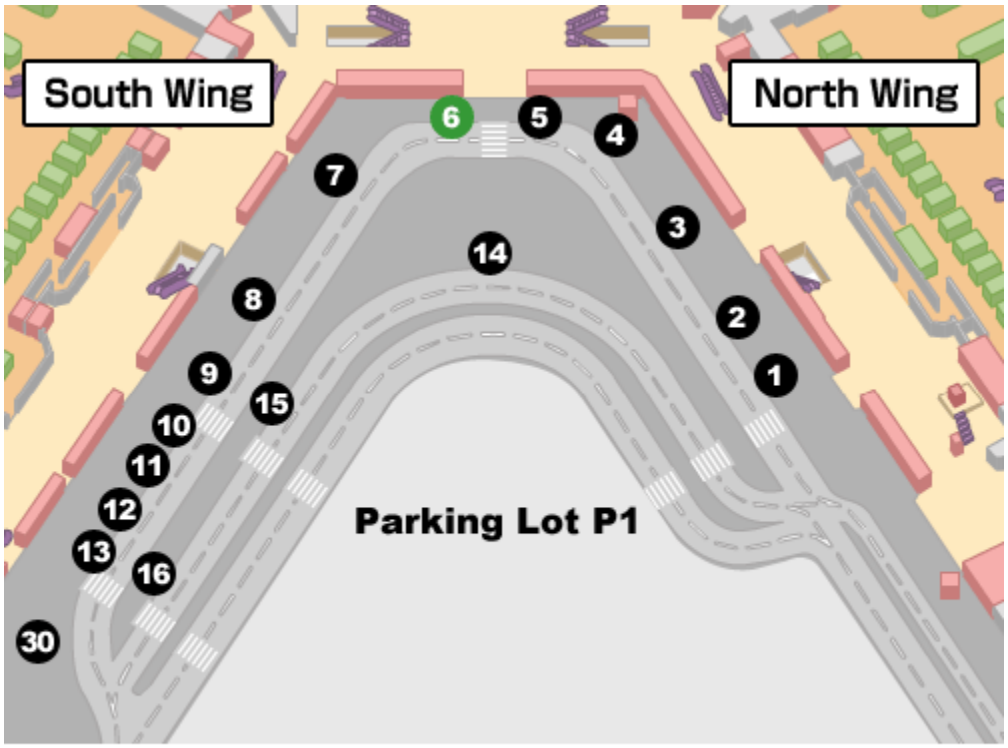
For those arriving at **Terminal 1**, complete customs clearance and proceed to the *AIRPORT LIMOUSINE* counter (orange color) and purchase bus tickets to Haneda. The counter is

located in front of the exit doors. Ticket price is 3,000 yen (about $30.00 depending on the yen rate) per person. You must pay in yen. *AIRPORT LIMOUSINE* will accept credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, and American Express). If you need yen, a currency exchange is available at the airport near the *AIRPORT LIMOUSINE* ticket counter. The bus stops to board busses bound for Haneda are #3 and #12.

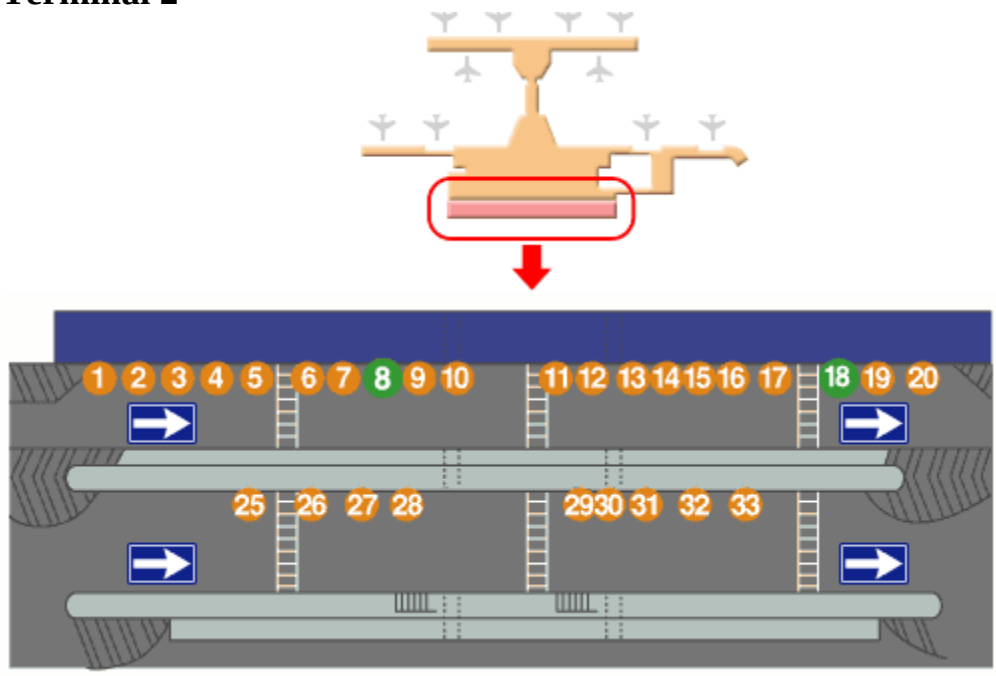
Passengers arriving at **Terminal 2** will also see an *AIRPORT LIMOUSINE* counter (also orange color). The bus stops for busses bound for Haneda are #5 and #15.

After you find your stop, stand in line until the bus arrives. Once the bus arrives, make sure it is the bus to Haneda as more than one bus uses the same stop. Your baggage will be checked onto the bus as you get on, hold on to your claim ticket as you will need it when you get off. The baggage checker will ask which airline you will be departing on at Haneda, and then give you your stop number (it should be the first stop). All Misawa-bound travelers will be on a JAL flight. The bus ride to Haneda Airport is approximately hour and half (or longer depending on traffic).

Terminal 1



Terminal 2



- **Travel through Haneda Airport**

Once you arrive at Haneda, claim your baggage from the bus personnel. Proceed to the JAL ticket counter to check in. After you have checked in, go to the X-Ray machine and check in your baggage. Hold on to your claim tickets as you will need them once you arrive in Misawa. Go to the departure gate and wait for your flight. There will be no food or drink available on the flight to Misawa but there are vendors and snack machines in the airport.

- **Excess Baggage**

Please keep in mind your flight from Haneda to Misawa will be onboard JAL (Japanese Airlines). This flight is considered a *domestic flight* and has *strict baggage limitations. Listed below is JAL's policy for excess baggage:

***2 bags per person (15kg = 33 pounds each) and 1 carry-on**
The 2 bags must not weigh over 66 pounds total

The maximum allowable weight for excess baggage is 45kg = 99 pounds total

****EXCEPTION****
Travelers arriving from another country have a limit of 2 bags per person at 70 pounds each. Connection must me made within 24 hours of arrival to Narita Airport

Rule of thumb; pack your bags from origin using the above guidance!

- **Express Luggage Service (Door to Door Baggage Delivery)**

This service is available at member's expense and is **not** reimbursable. The cost associated with this service will depend on the weight of the bags. Members may pay via credit card or yen. There are four service providers available and their counters are located at both ends of Arrival Lobby of Terminal 1 & 2. (See map below) You must provide physical commercial address/phone # for delivery. The info below is for the Misawa Inn:

Zip Code: 033-0012
Aomori-ken, Misawa-Shi, Hirahata-1-chome
Misawa Air Base
Misawa Air Base Inn, Building #670

Phone # 0176-63-1182 (Billeting)

The Misawa Inn will not take accountability/sign for luggage. Recommend arrangements be made in advance with your sponsor.

Overnight Accommodations

Try to schedule your arrival at Narita Airport before 1400 (2pm). You need 3-4 hours to clear customs/immigration, collect your bags and then make the connection from Narita to Haneda by bus.(depending on traffic) If you arrive in Narita after 1400 (2pm) we recommend you overnight near Narita. Check with the information counter on hotels/shuttle services. See maps below for location. Please keep in mind the last flight to Misawa departs Haneda at 1725 (5:25pm).

It is recommended that you stay in a hotel close to Narita Airport because of per diem allowances and hotel costs, and then transfer to Haneda in the morning. Be sure to check what time you will need to catch the bus to Haneda, so you can get back to Narita on time.

If your departure time from Haneda to Misawa is early, it may be more convenient to lodge near Haneda, although it's more expensive than the Narita Airport area and may not be fully covered by per diem (Maximum per-diem rates are listed in this website: https://secureapp2.hqda.pentagon.mil/perdiem.). If you stay the night in Narita, try to book your flight from Haneda to Misawa for the 1245 departure from Haneda.

There are three flight times from Haneda to Misawa:

Depart Haneda	Arrive Misawa
• 0750	• 0910
• 1245	• 1400
• 1725	• 1840

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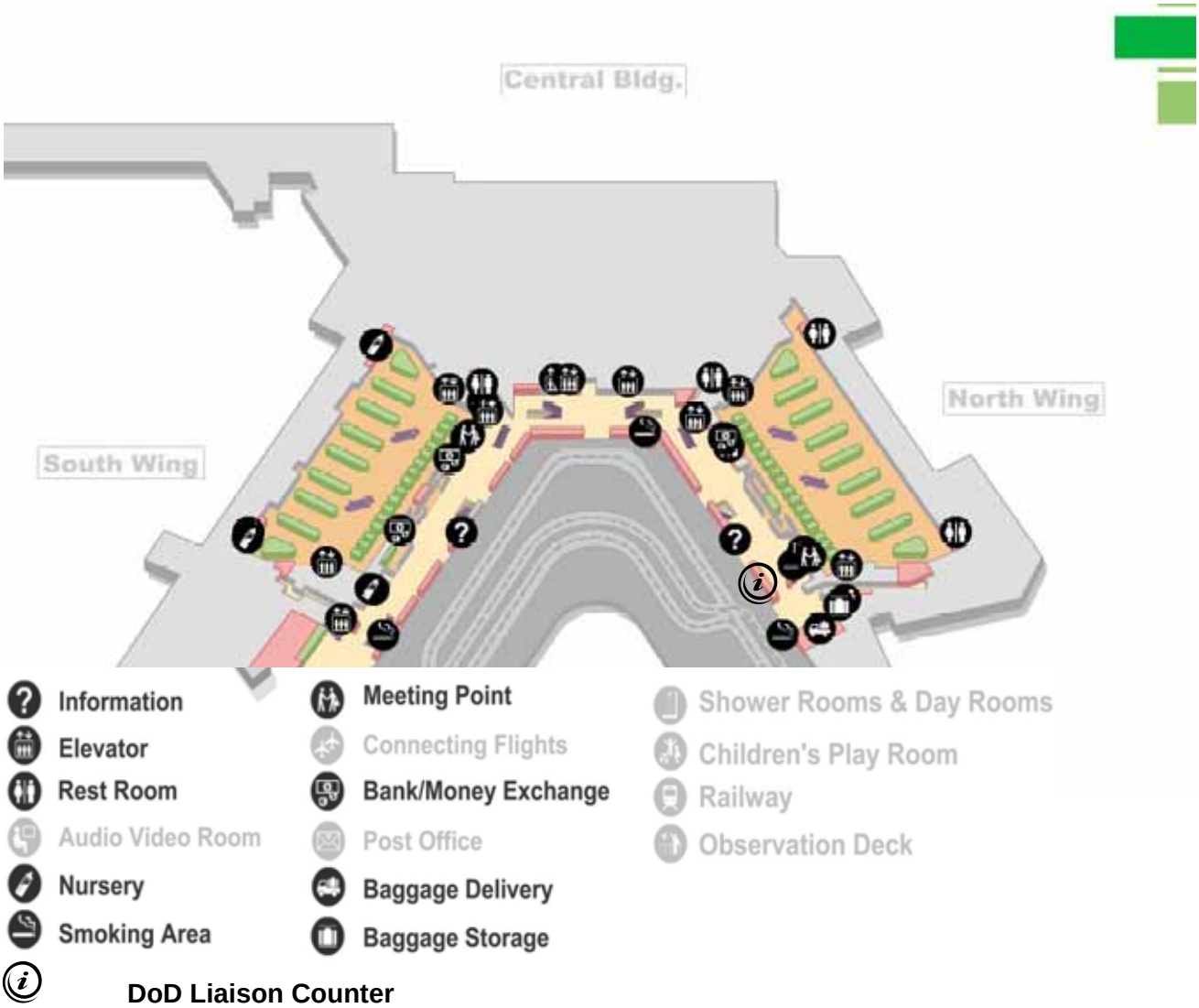
Once you arrive at your hotel, check in at the Front Desk and tell them what time you need to be back at the airport. If you are lodging near Narita, be sure to allow enough time for the bus ride to Haneda. You should not have to pay until you check out. When you check out in the morning, get a receipt for the hotel and breakfast (if you choose to charge a meal to your room).

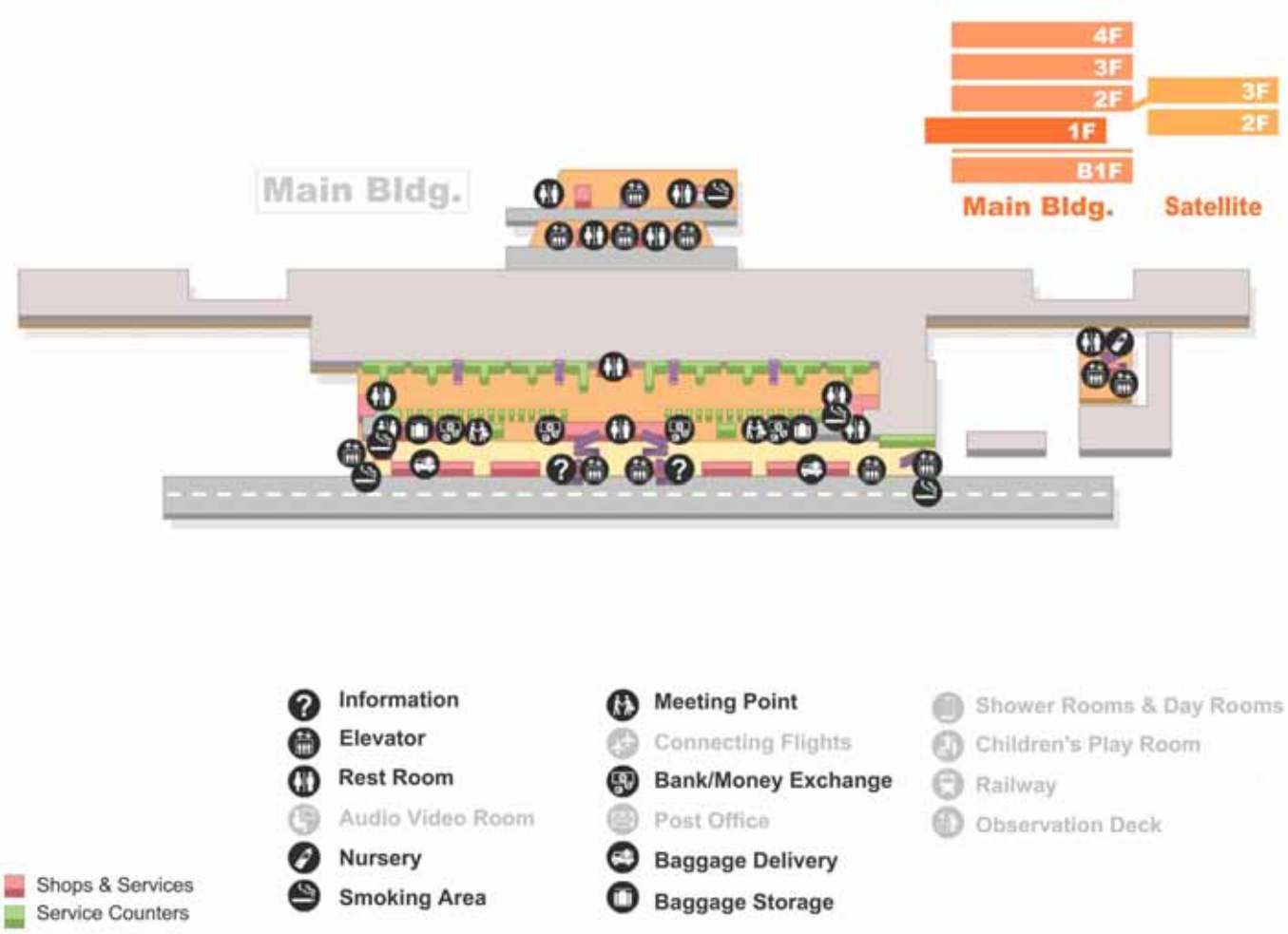
NOTE: There are times when flights from Haneda to Misawa are diverted to Aomori or Sendai or back to Haneda due to weather conditions. The local JAS representative will provide guidance on how to travel from these locations to Misawa. Be sure to call your sponsor from the airport to let them know your new arrangements.

Terminal 1 Map – 1st



DoD Liaison Counter

Terminal 2 Map – 1st Floor (After Arrival)



Travelers with Pets

- Travelers with small pets (in cages) can utilize the ***AIRPORT LIMOUSINE*** service for transportation between airports. Prices range from 3,000 to 6,000 yen per pet.

Travelers with small pets may also travel via **Japan Rail Line** to Misawa. Travel arrangements can easily be made at Japan Rail counter in the basement of Terminal 1 or Terminal 2. Criteria for rail: Size of cage (L + W + H): No more than 35"; Weight: Maximum 21 lbs with cage. Pets must always be in view of the owner. The cage must not be an obstacle in the path of any passengers. (Note: The cage must be kept at the passenger's seat, not between cars).

- If you have a large pet, there are several options as follows.

- **Van services from Narita to Haneda:** This service is available through Yokota AB. Ask your sponsor to contact 374th FSS Vehicle Operations at DSN 315-225-3818, 7720 or 9519 with your flight/pet information and arrange for a van to transport you and your pet from Narita to Haneda. The estimated price of $200 is based on a $25 per hour rate charge. This rate includes the driver however the time starts from Yokota (van location) ~Narita~Haneda and then back to Yokota, estimated time round trip 8 hours. Reservations should be made in advance to ensure van availability.

  374 FSS Vehicle Operations
  M-F 0630-1700
  DSN 315-225-3818, 7720 or 9519

- **Asuka Koutsu** will offer transportation by reservation only. Reservations are accepted up to 2 weeks in advance but must be made no later than 1 day prior to pick-up. Cost is 21,300 Yen. Phone number is 03-5737-8111 (from overseas, country code for Japan is 81-3-57537-8111).

- **Good Pets** will offer transportation by reservation only. Charges are calculated by taxi meter. The price is approximately 25,000 Yen. Phone number is 03-5755-0511(from overseas, country code for Japan is 81-3-5755-0511).

- **Fixed Fare Taxi:** Fixed Fare Taxi Service (FFTS) is a one-way only service from Narita to Haneda service. FFTS from Narita Airport are designated into zones in Tokyo. A taxi to Haneda Airport is in Zone C “Ota”. FFTS taxi stands at Narita Airport are located at the following Terminals. Terminal 1: Station 15 and Terminal 2: Station 29, 30. The cost for transportation for fixed taxi service is approximately $190.00 or 22,000 yen (in Sep 06) and the member is responsible for highway tolls. This should cost approx. $21.00 or 2400 yen. The taxi service accepts multiple forms of payment, Visa, MasterCard or cash. Also, van service is available for larger families. See maps below for location.

For more information regarding this service you can call +81 (0)476-34-8755 or visit www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/bus/index.html

- **Pet Hotel:** Narita Airport has a "Pet Hotel" in the basement of Terminal 2. Travelers who must stay at a local hotel can leave their pet here overnight. Price depends on the size of the pet.

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Facilities & Services

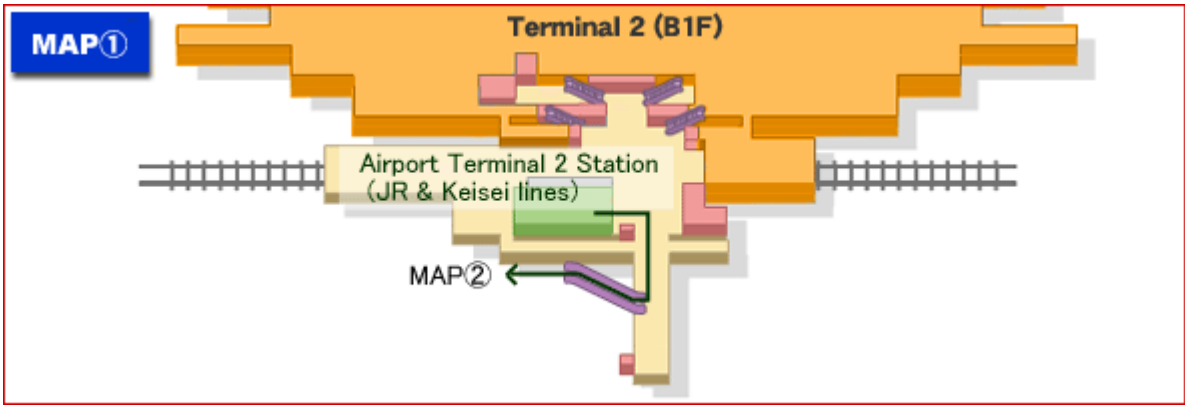
Pet Hotel

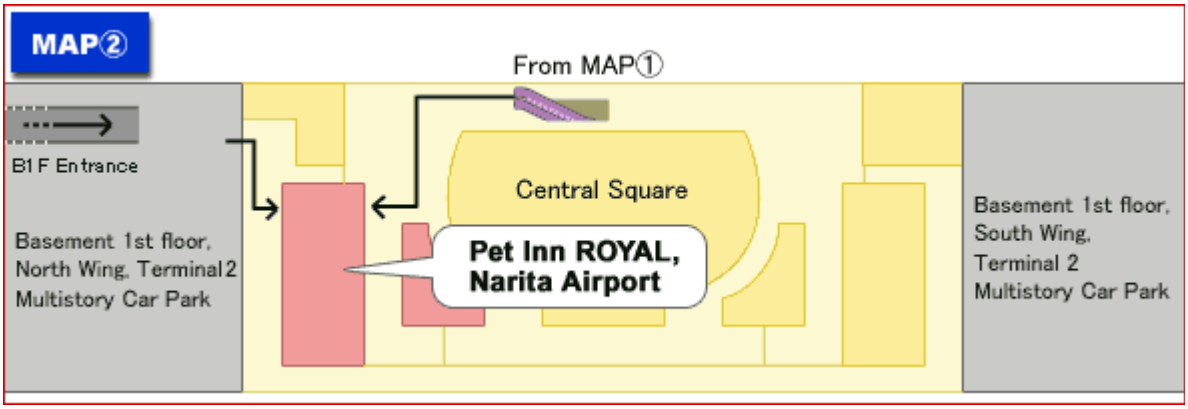
The hotel is located on the basement 1st floor of the Terminal 2 Multistory Car Park building with direct access to Terminal 2.
In addition to taking care of pets while passengers are on overseas trips, the hotel also features an adjoining veterinarian clinic and clipping salon. Passengers departing from Terminal 1 are also welcome.

Terminal 2			
Name	Location	Hours	Inquiries
Pet Inn	B1F,	Hotel staff is on duty 24 hours a	Tele +81(0)120-223-

ROYAL, Narita Airport	North Wing, Multistory Car Park No. 2	day. *Telephone reservation hours 6:00 - 23:00	phone: 011 +81(0)476-34-6800 Fax: +81(0)476-34-6767

<Directions>





(By Car)

- Park in the basement 1st floor of the North Wing of the Terminal 2 Multistory Car Park. The pet hotel can be accessed directly from the 1st floor basement in the north wing of the car park.
- Please check the Road Maps & Parking section for further access and car parking information.

(By Rail)

- Alight at the Airport Terminal 2 Station.
- Turn right after the security checkpoint and follow the Pet Hotel signs.
- For further details on rail access, please check the Rail section.

Passengers wishing to go to Terminal 1 after checking their pets in at the hotel can use the free terminal shuttle bus.

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Use charge

For two or three pets add half the price of previous cost.

Room		Room type	Cost for one pet	Cost for two pets	Cost for three pets
Suite		Private room	JPY 20,000	JPY 30,000	JPY 40,500
Deluxe room		Private room	JPY 10,000	JPY 15,000	JPY 21,000
Standard room		Private room	JPY 8,000	JPY 12,000	JPY 16,050
Cabin	Large	35×47in	JPY 6,000	JPY 9,000	JPY 12,000
	Single	35×24in	JPY 4,000	JPY 6,000	JPY 8,040
	Twin		JPY 6,000	JPY 9,000	JPY 12,000
	Family		JPY 8,000	JPY 12,000	JPY 16,050
Silent cabin			JPY 6,000	JPY 9,000	JPY 12,000
Small animal cage			JPY 2,000	JPY 3,000	JPY 4,020
Deluxe room for cat		Private room	JPY 8,000	JPY 12,000	JPY 16,050
Cat cabin		35×47in	JPY 4,000	JPY 6,000	JPY 8,040

Charge surplus

Room		Charge	Excess for one hour	Excess for two hours	Excess for three hours	Excess for four hours	Excess for five hours	For six hours or more at excess
Suite		JPY 20,000	JPY 850	JPY 1,700	JPY 2,550	JPY 3,400	JPY 4,250	JPY 20,000
Deluxe room		JPY 10,000	JPY 450	JPY 900	JPY 1,350	JPY 1,800	JPY 2,250	JPY 10,000
Standard room		JPY 8,000	JPY 350	JPY 700	JPY 1,050	JPY 1,400	JPY 1,750	JPY 8,000
Cabin	Large	JPY 6,000	JPY 250	JPY 500	JPY 750	JPY 1,000	JPY 1,250	JPY 6,000
	Single	JPY 4,000	JPY 200	JPY 400	JPY 600	JPY 800	JPY 1,000	JPY 4,000
	Twin	JPY 6,000	JPY 250	JPY 500	JPY 750	JPY 1,000	JPY 1,250	JPY 6,000
	Family	JPY 8,000	JPY 350	JPY 700	JPY 1,050	JPY 1,400	JPY 1,750	JPY 8,000
Silent cabin		JPY 6,000	JPY 250	JPY 500	JPY 750	JPY 1,000	JPY 1250	JPY 6,000
Small animal cage		JPY 2,000	JPY 100	JPY 200	JPY 300	JPY 400	JPY 500	JPY 2,000
Deluxe room for cat		JPY 8,000	JPY 350	JPY 700	JPY 1,050	JPY 1,400	JPY 1,750	JPY 8,000
Cat cabin		JPY 4,000	JPY 200	JPY 400	JPY 600	JPY 800	JPY 1,000	JPY 4,000

* Charge in excess of 24 hours is about 1/24 the amount of a full days rate per hour.
* We will add the full day charge when excess time after 24 hours is six hours or more.

- **In Case of Emergency:** To contact the Misawa AB operator from Narita on a commercial line please dial 0176-53-5181. If you have your sponsor's home or duty phone numbers please dial the following: Sponsor's home number, dial 0176-63 and the last 4 of the DSN home number or 0176-64 and the last 4 of the DSN duty number. (Numbers beginning with 222 are residents who live in base housing, numbers beginning with 226 are duty numbers.) If dialing from the U.S., call 011-81-3117-66-5181, wait for the tone, and then dial the seven digit number of sponsor. Passengers can also travel by train to Yokota AB (Fussa Station) which is the closest military base to the airport. Please check with the ***AIRPORT LIMOUSINE*** representative for direction.
  Always~always, stay in contact with your sponsor.

  The following are quarter deck or duty section numbers for the following commands:

  NAF Misawa: DSN: 315-226-3755
  CTF 72/57: DSN: 315-226-3290
  NIOC: CELL: 090-2279-9891; PAGER: 172-0179
  AIMD: DSN: 315-226-4469
  NAVPACMETOC: CELL: 080-5691-4241
  NAVCOMMDET: DSN: 315-226-4156
  MOMAU 12: CELL: 090-3122-5177/090-9032-0211
  PSD MISAWA: CELL: 090-4955-2775/090-4661-5430
  *VP Squadron: DSN: 315-226-3642

  *VP Squadron rotates every six months

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AIR FORCE IN-PROCESSING – RIGHT START

FIRST: MPF in-processing occurs daily (M-F) at 0900, BLDG 653. Your sponsor must accompany you to this appointment. Once you have in-processed with MPF you will be given dates and times to attend Right Start.

Tuesday: Active Duty personnel only in Bldg 653 (MPF), Room 111, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. This session includes mandatory items including MPF and finance. Members MUST in-process with MPF prior to attending Day 1. Be sure to bring the following items:

1. 10 copies of PCS orders and amendments
2. All receipts, including commercial auto, bus, lodging, and any additional expenses over $75.00
3. All SATO and commercial airline tickets
4. Recruiter's Assistance Letter (if applicable)
5. Any advance travel pay information
6. Any finance records
7. New PCS address, home phone number, an duty phone number
8. A dark blue or black ink pen

Wednesday: Active Duty, civilians, spouses, and children in the Consolidated Club, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This session includes briefings pertinent to everyone moving to Misawa. The afternoon includes the Drivers Training Brief and written exam, in order to receive the local driver's license.

Thursday: Misawa City Tour and Culture Orientation (7:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

Friday: Hachinohe City Tour (summer: 7:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; winter: 8:10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.)

The tours occur each week and are sponsored by the A&FRC (tours will not occur on American Holidays and some Japanese Holidays.) They are MANDATORY for all Air Force active duty and highly recommended for all others (including family members). All tours leave from the Misawa Inn Conference Room. For further information or to sign-up (if you were unable during your in-processing) call the A&FRC at DSN 315-226-4735.

Other MANDATORY briefings:

The "Warrior Brief" is held the last Wednesday of each month from 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the 35th Operational Support Squadron (OSS). This is a classified briefing for active duty Air Force. You must have a copy of your orders and your ID card to attend.

E-4 & Below Financial Refresher Class is held the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the A&FRC in the Torii Bldg 656. This class is mandatory for USAF E-4 & below that do not attend the First Term Airmen Center (FTAC) at Misawa.

1st Duty Station Officer's Financial Class is offered monthly at the A&FRC. This class is mandatory for all officers in which Misawa AB is their 1st duty station. Officers will be scheduled for the class at Right Start.

FIRST TERM AIRMAN'S CENTER (FTAC): If Misawa is your first duty station you will attend a two week orientation through FTAC. Go to the Right Start in-processing listed above and you will receive further information about when and where to go to start your orientation.

NAVY IN-PROCESSING (CHECK-IN AND INDOCTRINATION)

Check-In is held every day at 9:00 a.m. in Bldg 980. Please bring all spending receipts with you.

POC: Personnel Support Detachment
Location: Bldg 980
Telephone: DSN 315-226-4610/4611 or 011-81-311-766-4610/4611
Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Base Indoctrination:

All active duty Navy personnel are required to attend a five-day orientation course to include Base Indoctrination, and overseas duty support program (Japan indoctrination), and driving safely in Japan. Dependents are welcome to attend the base indoctrination and overseas duty support program. All active duty members will be scheduled upon arrival. Point of contact is U.S. Naval Air Facility, Misawa Administration Office at DSN 315-226-3811.

C. FIRST TERM AIRMAN'S CENTER (FTAC):

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If Misawa is your first duty station you will attend a 2 week orientation to Misawa through the First Term Airman's Center. Go to the In-processing listed above and you will receive further information about when and where to go to start your orientation. Any questions please call DSN 315-226-3086 or stop by Bldg. 1000.

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THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN!

Welcome to Misawa Air Base, a great place where U.S. Forces Japan and Japan Air Self Defense Forces, along with the Misawa Community, join together in a cooperative spirit to create one of the Pacific's finest military communities. Our unique location and war-fighting mission make Misawa an exciting place to work and play.

A. LOCATION AND GEOGRAPHY

1. Location: Latitude 40° 40' N, Longitude 141° 23' E
This is approximately the same latitude as Central Park in New York City; Newark, New Jersey; Kearney, Nebraska; Peoria, Illinois; Lima, Ohio; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

2. Geographical Features:
Misawa City is located in the southeastern portion of Aomori Prefecture on the northern end of Honshu Island. The Pacific Ocean lies at its east and Lake Ogawara on its northwest. It is surrounded by the towns of Kamikita on the west and the towns of Shimoda and Momoishi to the south. Misawa City is shaped like a rectangle and is 11 km wide (east-west) by 25 km long (north-south). It covers an area of 120.76 square kilometers (46.6 square miles) and has an elevation of approximately 130 feet.

Misawa has an airport, JR Eastern Japan Train Station, and Towada Kanko Dentetsu Station. Because Route 338 is along the Pacific coastline, Misawa is a transportation focal point to go to Lake Towada, Shimokita Penninsula, the northern part of Sanriku coast in Iwate Prefecture, or to Hachinohe, Towada, Aomori, and Mutsu cities.

3. Population of Misawa City is approximately 44,000.

4. The Japanese People are some of the most polite, friendly and courteous you will ever meet. Just remember their culture and customs are different from ours and we are in **their** country. Japan is a very safe country with very low rates of violent crime. The water here is safe to drink. Fresh fruits and vegetables (in season) and seafood are cheaper off base and of better quality. Just wash all fruits and vegetables first.

B. WEATHER

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1. Seasonal Summaries:

WINTER (December through February): Temperatures cool to an average minimum of 22ºF in February, the coldest month of the year. Brisk winds during this season combine with the low temperatures to create unpleasant wind chill conditions. Snow shower activity is frequent, with January receiving an average of 38.3 inches of snow.

SPRING (March through June): While March continues to experience snow showers, receiving an average of 19.6 inches, April brings a true spring. Monthly average temperatures warm to 66ºF in July from the 28ºF experienced in January. Winds continue to be westerly, but switch to east southeasterly in May. This ends the pleasant spring-like conditions as low ceilings, drizzle, and fog become predominant through the remainder of this season.

SUMMER (July to October): The average monthly temperature reaches its peak of 70.1ºF in August. Early in this season, the precipitation pattern is spring-like, with daily occurrences of rain and drizzle. These conditions

lead to a hot humid period, when mildew and mold are common problems. By September, conditions improve as Misawa transitions into the fall season.

FALL (October through November): Cloudiness and precipitation decrease appreciably during this season. The cooling of temperatures from summer combined with the fall scenery make this season perhaps the most enjoyable in northern Japan.

2. Misawa Weather Facts:

- First snowfall is usually near 7 November.
- First measurable snowfall is usually around 17 November.
- First measurable snow depth is usually around 25 November.
- Last snowfall is usually around 15 April.
- Last measurable snowfall is around 5 April.
- Last measurable snow depth is usually around 29 March.

3. Temperatures and Precipitation:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Ave (°F)	27.8	26.6	34.6	43.7	53.9	57.1	66.3	70.1	61.6	53.3	41.5	33.5	47.5
Ave High (°F)	35	33	43	54	65	66	75	79	70	63	50	41	56
Ave Low (°F)	23	22	29	36	47	52	62	66	57	47	36	28	42
Days of Precip	16	15	12	10	10	11	12	12	13	11	13	14	150
Precip – All Types (Inches)	3.21	2.82	2.79	2.85	3.17	4.14	4.54	5.26	6.46	4.10	3.07	2.41	43.4
Snow (Inches)	38.3	34.9	19.6	2.6	Trace	-	-	-	-	Trace	7.0	22.5	125

C. FESTIVALS AND HOLIDAYS:

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1. Misawa Area Festivals:

Misawa Snow Festival	Feb	Misawa Port Festival	August
Spring Commerce Festival	May	Misawa Festival	August
A Cherry Flowers Festival	May	Miss Veedol Festival	August
American Day Festival	June	Air Festival	September
The Lake Ogawara Festival	July	Industries & Culture Festival	October
The Tanabata Festival	July	Christmas Festival	1-25 Dec
Beef and Potato Festival	August		

2. Japanese Holidays and Annual Events (* denotes National Holiday)

January 1st* : New Year “Shogatsu”
January, 2nd Sunday* : Coming-of-Age Day “Seijinn-no-hi”

February 3rd : Bean-Throwing Ceremony “Setsubun” Eve of the spring first day

March 3rd : Girls’ Festival or Doll Festival “Hinamatsuri”
March 21st* : Vernal Equinox Day “Shunbun-no-hi”

April 29th* : Greenery Day “Midori-no-hi” (Birthday of the late Emperor Hirohito)

May 3rd* : Constitution Day “Kenpo-kinenbi”
May 5th* : Children’s Day or Boy’s Festival “Kodomo-no-hi”

July 7th: The Star Festival “Tanabata”
July 20th*: Marine Day “Umi-no-hi”

August 13th~16th : The Festival of Souls “Obon”

September 15th* : Respect for the Aged Day “Keiro-no-hi”
September 23rd* : Autumnal Equinox Day “Shunbun-no-hi”

October, 2nd Monday* : Health & Sports Day “Taiku-no-hi”

November 3rd* : Culture Day “Bunka-no-hi” (Birthday of the late Meiji Emperor)
November 15th : Gala Day for children of 3, 5 and 7 years of age “Shichi-go-san”
November 23rd* : Labor Thanksgiving Day “Kinro-kansha-no-hi”

December 23rd* : The Emperor's Birthday “Tenno-Tanjyoubi”

D. TIME CONVERSION CHART:

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Be sure to share this with friends and family, so they know when to call you. The chart below represents time zones during Standard Time. Japan does not participate in Daylight Savings Time, so all stateside times need to be adjusted up one hour during Daylight Savings Time.

		↓	PREVIOUS DAY USA			↓		
Japan Korea	PI Taiwan	Hawaii	Pacific Standard	Mountain Standard	Central Standard	Eastern Standard	Greenwich Mean Time	Paris Vienna Berlin
0100	2400	0600	0800	0900	1000	1100	1600	1700
0200	0100	0700	0900	1000	1100	1200	1700	1800
0300	0200	0800	1000	1100	1200	1300	1800	1900
0400	0300	0900	1100	1200	1300	1400	1900	2000
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2200	2100	0300	0500	0600	0700	0800	1300	1400
2300	2200	0400	0600	0700	0800	0900	1400	1500
2400	2300	0500	0700	0800	0900	1000	1500	1600

E. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

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This section has information on AAFES, DODDS, Family Day Care, Federal, NAF, and reserve opportunities in the area. In addition to the items listed below, there are several universities, a bank, credit union, and contract positions on base. Also, many people have home businesses or volunteer during their time at Misawa.

1. AAFES

Building 325 Tel: 222-5163
Hot Line 222-7926
Applications accepted Mon – Fri, 0730-1630

AAFES, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, is a worldwide retail, food and service business. It is a Department of Defense non-appropriated fund instrumentality (NAF). AAFES participates in the Military Spouse Preference program. Applications may be picked up any weekday, Monday-Friday. At the time the application is submitted, a screening interview will be conducted. Applications are maintained in an active status for three months and may be renewed for another 3 months by calling 222-6070/5162.

SAMPLE POSITIONS

Cashiers	Exchange Detectives	Office Associates	Warehouse Workers
Cashiers/Checkers	Food Service Workers	Operations Clerks	Warehouse Workers EMS
Cooks	General Sales	Sales Associates	(Early Morning stockers)
Custodial Workers	Laborers	Store Associates	
Customer Service Reps	Mobile Sales Associates	Ticket Sells	

2. DODDS (Department Of Defense Dependent Schools)

Sollars Elementary School	226-3933
Cummings Elementary School	226-2647
Edgren High School	226-4377

Applicants for DODDS positions **must be U.S. citizens**, except for a few host nation hires. DODDS utilizes the Military Spouse Preference program which gives military spouses a one-time priority over other applicants once each PCS.

Positions at DODDS schools include teachers, substitute teachers, educational aids, substitute nurses, secretaries, office automation assistants, school administration clerks, health aids, library media clerks, clerk typists, data transcribers, computer clerks, monitors, mail clerks, and financial clerks. There are other support positions hired through AAFES and the Civilian Personnel Office.

Positions are advertised locally and announcements include instructions on how and when to apply. Employment packets can be picked up at any one of the schools. Applications are kept on file.

3. Family Child Care Program

Bldg 697 (behind Misawa Inn) Tel: 226-CARE (2273)
Office Hours: Mon – Thu 1300 - 1600
You may care for children in your home once you have been approved by the Family Child Care Program. FCC providers are required to obtain CPR, First Aid, and food handler's certificates. The FCC Coordinator, the Fire Department, Environmental Health, and the Safety Office inspect their homes. The last step before receiving their certificate is to purchase liability insurance. The approval authority for FCC homes is 35 MSG/CC. Contact the FCC Coordinator at the 35th Services Squadron (FSS), Bldg 697 at 226-2273 or 226-CARE.

4. Federal Employment (Air Force):

Civilian Personnel Office Tel: 226-4621
Building 656, Room 253

Most of the local hire positions are in the categories of clerical/secretarial, child care providers, or motor vehicle

operators (school bus drivers). Other positions are occasionally advertised. When searching for US Federal Civil Service positions worldwide (including those at other Air Force bases), a good source of information is the Internet. http://www.usajobs.opm.gov

5. Federal Employment (Navy):

Misawa POC for Yokuska CPO Tel: 226-4239
Building 980, 2nd Floor
The Navy has about five civilian positions at Misawa, all of them at the Naval Air Facility. Most of the positions are clerical or secretarial. One is a registered nurse position.

6. Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) – 35th Force Support Squadron

Building 656, 2nd Floor 226-3108
Building 656 Job Hot Line: 226-Jobs (5627)
Contract Division Tel: 226-9281
The NAF Personnel Office is the central location for all Community Support Squadron and Billeting non-appropriated fund personnel functions. The Force Support Squadron utilizes the Military Spouse Preference program. **Again, ask about this program. It can be confusing!**

Positions are located in facilities such as the Officers and NCO clubs, Bowling Alley, Golf Course, Force Support Squadron supply, Ski Lodge, base beach, Arts & Crafts Center, Child Development Center, preschool program, gyms, Teen and Youth Centers, Veterinary Clinic, and the Mokuteki Recreation Center. Apply for announced jobs by picking up an application at the NAF Human Resource Office, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Some jobs are announced on radio and TV as well as published in the Misawa Air Base Bulletin and Navy Plan of the Week. Applications are kept active for 90 days, and must include a copy of the sponsor's PCS orders.

There are contract jobs available for The Force Support such as dance instructors, arts and crafts instructors, swim team coaches, gymnastics instructors, self defense instructors, youth sports officials, etc. Call the contracts office at 226-3895/3496 for more information.

7. Contracting Positions

A very small number of contract jobs are available to military spouses. The positions are primarily at the 35 Medical Group, the Base Education Office, and the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Contact the 35 Contracting Squadron for information on available positions at 226-3750.

8. Home Business

Some businesses for profit may be conducted from your military family housing unit. The approval authority for home business requests is 35 MSG/CC. Anyone desiring to operate a business out of military family quarters must contact the Housing Office at 226-3200 for an information packet.

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1. Sure Start Program

Sure Start is an educational program designed to help pre-kindergarten children (4 years of age prior to 31 October) get ready for school. Equivalent to Head Start in the United States, it is part of the National Educational goals. The target population includes children of junior enlisted sponsors (due to limited income and/or resources), single parents families, parent(s) non high school graduate, large families with stretched resources, and younger families stationed in isolated areas. Sure Start family income is the most important, but not sole, factor considered in enrollment.

In developing Sure Start, program designers looked to the highly acclaimed Head Start mode for guidance. With three decades of successes to its credit, Head Start was singled out as a "shining star among Federal Programs." Sure Start strives to incorporate the many features of Head Start which correlate with high quality. These include the following:

- A full day program (6 hours, based on the school location of the program)
- A four-pronged service delivery system (education, health, social services, and parent involvement).
- Medical, dental, and developmental screening for all enrolled children.
- Nutritious lunches and snacks that take into account children's individual and cultural preferences.
- Active involvement in the program by families of all children.
- Developmentally appropriate practices at the core of all programming. Careful planning ensures that the program environment, climate, materials, routines, and activities are appropriate to the children's age, individual needs, and cultures.

Sure Start is made up of four equally important components. The education component offers children a variety of learning activities that encourage their socio-emotional, cognitive, and physical growth. The health component provides children with comprehensive medical, dental, mental health, and nutritional services. The social services component extends outward to families, providing referrals and linkages with all of the community resources on an installation.

The mandatory parent involvement component of the Sure Start program is base on the philosophy that children benefit most when parents become partners with teachers in their children's education. Requirements of the parent involvement component include a parent orientation and monthly parent meetings. Parents agree prior to registration that an involvement commitment is a precondition for enrollment.

Also, for more information about the program in general, visit the DoDEA Sure Start Home Page: www.dodea.edu. For application and enrollment qualifications call Sollars Elementary at 226-3933 or Cummings Elementary at 226-2641 for more information.

2. Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS):

Misawa AB has three DoDDS facilities:

Cummings Elementary School (DSN 226-2647)
Grade Level: PreK-6
Areas Serviced: North area housing

Sollars Elementary School (DSN 226-3933)
Grade Level: PreK-6
Areas Serviced: Main-base housing and off-base housing

Edgren High School (DSN 226-4377)
Grade Level: 7-12
Areas Serviced: Entire Misawa community

a. Registration Process: When you first arrive at Misawa your child will temporarily attend Sollars ES; as it is zoned for Temporary Billeting/Quarters. When you know where you will be living (on or off base), there is a possibility that your child could be moved to another school, unless you remain in the same zoned area. You will need to register.

b. Required Documentation

- Immunization Certificate. All students must have their immunizations updated and certified by the immunization personnel at the Misawa AB Hospital. School Officials require DoDDS Certificate of Immunization Form/DSPA 122.1 (Jan 94) at the time of registration. This form can be obtained at the school office. Contact the Immunization Clinic, DSN 226-6192 for more information.
- Passport or Birth Certificate (Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade only).
- Orders. Copy of Sponsor's orders with children listed as command-sponsored family members. Navy personnel: Beside PSC Orders must have dependent entry approval/Eligibility for DoDDS Form in order to register.
- DEROS Verification.

- Academic Records. Previous school records or address of previous school in case in-processing school needs to request records/additional. Include an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and any other supporting documentation if eligible for special education or other services.
- Student's Social Security Number. The student's social security is needed to complete registration. If you have forgotten your child's SSN, contact the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service (bldg 653), 226- 3962 for assistance. Or you have not applied for a SSN for your child; contact the Legal Office (bldg 656) at 226-4022 for assistance.
- Emergency Point of Contact. Emergency contact information is **required** to complete the registration process. Newly arriving families often do not know anyone at their gaining base. Many parents list supervisors, commanders or sponsors when they first arrive, and update their emergency POC once settled.

c. DODEA Web Site: Visit the DODEA web site at www.odedodea.edu for more information about DoDDS and Misawa Schools.

d. Transportation: The DoDEA Pacific Transportation Management Office (PACTMO) administers school bus transportation for Misawa AB. The Misawa Student Transportation Office (STO) will register authorized students, issue bus pass and assign students to busses. Please call DSN 226-9119 for more information on transporting students to school.

e. School Meal Program: The Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) provide lunch to students attending Misawa AB schools. Children who qualify under USDA guidelines may get lunch free or at a reduced price. To apply complete the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application. Return the application along with a copy of a current LES to the School Liaison office, Torii Building, Room 1458. If your spouse is also employed, a wage earning statement is required. Applications are available in the Schools Liaison office in the Torii Building (schools.officer@misawa.af.mil) and at the schools.

3. Higher Education:

During your stay in Misawa, you should meet with the Education Center or the Navy College representative to discuss your educational goals. The schools on base are Central Texas College, University of Maryland, University of Phoenix, and Troy University. For more information contact the Education Center at 226-4201.

a. Spouse Tuition Assistance Program: Be sure to check with the local Air Force Aid Society (226-4735) and/or the Navy Marine Corp Relief Society (226-3721) to see what assistance is available for spouses overseas.

b. Education & Training Flight Services: Bldg. 653 Room 203/204, 226-4201/3904 Commercial: 011-81-3117-66-4201, Fax: 226-9576.

- Testing
- Tuition Ast. & Financial Aid
- Navy College
- ECI College
- Community College of the AF
- Counseling
- Military Training
- CDC Test Administration

Available Tests:

- CLEP/DANTES
- GED/SAT/ACT/PRAXIS
- ECI Tests

c. Central Texas College, 222-8208

Courses offered through classroom/video instruction

Associates Degrees:

- Applied Management
- Early Childhood Professions
- Law Enforcement
- General Studies

Preparation Courses:

- Airframe & Power plant Certificates

d. University of Phoenix, 226-3687

Master's Degrees:

- Management
- Education

e. University of Maryland, 222-8290/8225

Courses are offered though classroom instruction and distance learning via the Internet

Certificates:

- Accounting
- Computer Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Management

Associates:

- Accounting
- Business & Management
- Computer Studies
- General Curriculum
- Japanese Studies
- Management Studies
- Mathematics

Bachelors of Arts/Science Degrees:

- Asian Studies
- Business & Management
- Communications
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Studies
- English
- Government & Politics
- History
- Information Systems Management
- Management Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology

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In this section you will find information on the CDC, Family Home Day Care, School Age Programs and the Air Force Aid Program for assisting with childcare for PCS and volunteers.

1. Child Development Programs at Misawa Air Base offer full day care for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. There are two centers servicing the Misawa community, Yoiko & Zeamer.

YOIKO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Located on main base. DSN: 226-4666, Commercial: 011-81-3117-66-4666
FAX: 226-5453, 011-81-3117-66-5453
Yoiko Child Development Center built in 1998, has 20 classrooms, four that are being used as our School-Age Program (SAP) Annex. The capacity of this facility is 321 children.

ZEAMER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Located in the North Area, DSN: 226-2419, Commercial: 011-81-3117-66-2419
FAX: 226-2263, 011-81-3117-66-2263
Zeamer Child Development Center is located in the north area of the base. The facility was built in 1988 and has 6 classrooms. The capacity of this facility is 76 children.

Child Development Programs Contact Info:
FAX: DSN (315) 226-4666/4667
COMMERCIAL 011-81-3117-66-4666/4667

If you are PCSing to Misawa Air Base, and wish to be placed on the waiting list, you can pre-register your child(ren) by accomplishing the following: - Fax a copy of DD form 2606 and a copy of your orders using the fax number or address listed above. DD form 2606 can be picked up at your local on base Child Development Center. - Your orders and the date that the information is received will determine where you will be placed on the waiting list.

Upon arrival at Misawa Air Base, if space is not yet available at one of the centers or you would prefer a home setting over center-based care, you may contact the Family Child Care office for referral to a quality, licensed provider.

What You'll Need To Enroll Your Child(ren)

- A copy of your child(ren)'s shot records. All shots must be current or medical documentation must be provided if a required shot can’t be given.

- A copy of your LES/pay stub (within 30-days), that lists your entitlements, such as base pay, BAS, BAQ, etc. (Required for center-based care only)
- A completed AF fm 357, "Family Care Plan". (Required for all single and dual military families. Required at enrollment)
- Special Needs and/or allergies to foods, insect bites, or any type of allergies will require medical documentation. This will help us determine if we will be able to meet your child's needs.

2. The Family Child Care Office is located at bldg. #697. (For more information about Family Child Care, see Family Child Care in this website). The Coordinators will assist you in finding a provider who fits your needs. Give them a call at 226-CARE they will be glad to send you information on our Family Child Care Programs

3. School Age Program:

Cheli School-Age Program
Fax: DSN: (315) 226-2560
Commercial: 011-81-3117-66-2560

Limited drop in care is available at both locations for new arrivals completing in-processing. Presently, there is a waiting list for permanent center-based care. If you are PCSing to Misawa and wish to be placed on the waiting list, you can pre-register your child by accomplishing the following:

Fax a copy of DD Form 2606 and a copy of your orders using the fax number listed above. You can also mail it using the address listed above. DD form 2606 can be picked up at the Child Development Center or School Age Program at your current base. Your orders and the date that the information was received will be used to determine where you will be placed on the waiting list. Once you have arrived in Misawa, if a space is not yet available or you would prefer a home setting over center-based care, contact the Family Child Care office for referral to a quality, licensed provider. The Family Child Care Office is located at bldg. #697 and can be reached by phone at DSN 226-2273.

Requirements: to enroll in the school age program or family child care programs, you must have the following:
- A copy of your child's shot records. All shots must be current.
- A copy of your most current LES/pay stub that lists out your entitlements such as base pay, BAS, BAH, etc.
- A completed AF Form 357, "Family Care Plan" if you are single/dual military

The School Age Program offers a before and after school program and summer and holiday camps. Hours of operation are from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On the days that school is not in session, full-day is offered. Weekly rates are based on a sliding scale commensurate with total family income. Misawa Air Base has two elementary schools. Children attending Cummings Elementary School located in the north area of the base will be transported by bus each morning and afternoon. Children attending Sollars Elementary School will be walked to and from school by the School Age Program Assistants daily.

4. Child Care for PCS: Childcare for PSC provides 20 hours of child care per child, within 60 days of departure or arrival at Misawa AB. Paid for by the Air Force Aid Society. The Air Force limits the authorized providers to on-base, licensed Family Day Care homes. Call the Airman and Family Readiness Center for more information, 226-4735.

Eligibility:
- Currently, all active duty Air Force personnel are eligible for this program at Misawa.
- Certificates are valid only on the base where the certificate is issued.
- Enrollees must present certificates at the time they access child care.

5. Child Care for Volunteering

Any individual interested in volunteering in non-fund raising activities that support the entire Misawa community is eligible to use the Child Care for Volunteer Program. Only licensed home child care providers residing on Misawa Air Base are eligible to provide child care services for this program. Providers must be registered with the Family Child Care office in order to receive payment. For all volunteers, the maximum that Air Force Aid Society can pay

is $280.00 per month (Air Force Aid Society currently pays the providers $4.00 an hour per child). Visit the Airman and Family Readiness Center or call for more information on volunteering or using this program, 226-4735.

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To Make an Appointment: Medical appointments are available for routine medical conditions, acute illnesses, and health maintenance exams for children and adults. The appointment line 226-6111 is open 0700-1600 daily. Dental exam appointment, for other than active duty Air Force personnel, should be made during the military sponsor's birth month. The dental appointment line is 226-6700 is open 0700-1600 daily.

Prescription Refills: Call 226-6608 for prescription refills or visit our web site at www.misawa.af.mil/orgs/35mdg to access our "On-line Pharmacy Refill Request Form". Refill requests before 0700 will be available after 1000 that duty day.

For Medical Emergency or Ambulance Service call 911 or 53-1911 off base.

Services and clinics available at the 35 Medical Group include:

- Family Practice
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- General Surgery
- Orthopedics
- Psychiatry
- Behavioral Health
- Substance Abuse
- Optometry
- Flight Medicine
- Emergency Services
- Physical Therapy
- Nutritional Medicine
- Medical laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Radiology
- Public Health
- Immunization
- Occupational Health
- Health Promotion & Wellness
- Family Advocacy
- General Dentistry
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Oral Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Periodontics

I. CHAPEL / WORSHIP:

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1. Main Base Chapel, Bldg. 358, DSN 226-4630. Call for information on other faith groups, Holy Days, programs and activates

Protestant
Sunday, 0800 – **Traditional Protestant With Holy Communion**
Sunday, **1055** – **Contemporary** Protestant
Sunday, 1400 – Inspirational/Gospel

Religious Education (226-5640)
Sunday 0930
(Sept-May @ Sollars Elementary)

FOG (Fellowship of God) Youth Group (226-5640)
Sunday, 1800-2100 **Chapel**
Wednesday, 1200-0100 ROTC Building

Jewish
1st Friday, 1900
3rd Friday, 1900

Catholic
Sunday, 0930 – Mass
Sunday, 1230 – Mass
Tuesday thru Friday, 1130 – Mass
Wednesdays, 1700 – Youth Mass

Religious Education
Sunday 1100-1200
(Sept-May @ Sollars Elementary)

Rite of Reconciliation
Sunday 0845 – 0915 or by appointment; call 226-4630

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturday, 1000
NOTE: now meeting at the main chapel

Islamic
1200 Worship (Friday)

2. SECURITY HILL CHAPEL:

Church of Christ Services
Sunday, 1015 & 1730
Sun, 0900 and Mon, 1900 – Bible Study

3. OTHER PLACES OF WORSHIP:

Calvary Baptist Church
Ph: 52-7544 – POC: Mr Joe LeMire

Christian Serviceman Center
Ph: 53-9850 – Rev. Demps Overcash

Church of Christ
Ph: 226-3400/222-6378 – Vincent Gordon

Church of God in Christ
Ph: 53-5597 – Pastor Patrick L. Sledge, Sr.
Ph: 57-4217 – church
www.misawacogic.org

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Ph: 52-9036 – Pres. Alan Rollins
Ph: 226-4735
Ph: 53-9656 – church
https://secure.lds.org/units/home/0,9781,600-1-7-72117,00.html

Faith Baptist Church
Ph: 57-1190 – Pastor Robert Monteith III
www.fbc-misawa.org

Greater Love Missionary Baptist Church
Ph: 226-6404 – Pastor Shawn Smith

Islamic
Ph: 226-1588 – TSgt Keith Cherry

Korean Christian Church
Ph: 51-1134 – Rev. Sung Joo Lee

Misawa Korean Church
Ph: 51-3390 – Rev. Tae Ho Yi
Yong Suk Yi

Misawa Earth Religions Study Group
222-8279 – Danielle Lockin

Our Lady of Assumption
Ph: 57-0105 – Fr. Andre Leveille

Seventh Day Adventist
Ph: 226-6200 – Capt Judy Tupolo

J. RECREATION:

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There is so much to see and do, that you could keep busy your whole tour. Skiing (very cheap), snow/ice festivals, ice skating, hockey, sledding, snow shoeing, etc. are available in the winter. Spring brings more festivals, cherry blossoms and trips/tours. Summer has water skiing, canoeing, paddleboats, swimming, hiking, trips/tours, festivals, camping, etc. More of the same in the fall. The Japanese love it when we join in on their festivals. It does not matter if you know what you're doing or not. The base regularly has trips and tours offered through ITT and Outdoor Recreation. Plus, many places are within easy driving distances. The base has indoor heated swimming pool that is open year round and they offer swimming classes and water aerobics. Various clubs on base make it easy to get involved. Information on recreational activities is available at Outdoor Recreation and the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

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1. Phones – General Information: US portables/cordless phones are **illegal** in Japan. **Walkie-talkies are also illegal in Japan.** It is a $10,000 fine if you are caught with one. All phones on base are DSN lines. The bill comes directly out of your Sure Pay, long distance is separate and you must arrange for it from one of the local agencies. Long distance services are available for as little as .13 a minute. Phone cards are great too.

2. Phones – Off-base Residences: Options for phone service off base include:

a. Purchase a phone line. This is very expensive in Japan and can be well over $500 and still includes monthly service charges.
b. Rent a phone line.
c. Pay the monthly bill for a phone line already owned by the landlord.
d. Install a pay phone (yes, a pay phone in your home).
e. Have no phone at all.
f. Purchase a cell phone.

If you plan to have internet service in your off-base residence, the service provider may be able to assist with arranging phone service as well.

3. Phones – On-base Residences:

Base residents have the choice of two service plans. Both include DSN capability within Mainland Japan.

- B-1 FULL SERVICE: Direct Local and Long Distance Calls Capability
- B-4 RESTRICTED SERVICE: Direct Local Calls Capability Only

Class B-1	One Main Line	Main & One Ext	Main & Two Ext
Monthly Charge	$34.68	$34.68	$34.68
Monthly & features	$37.18	$37.18	$37.18
Installation Charge	$34.68	$48.55	$62.42

Installation Charge (Per Extension) B-1: $13.87

Class B-4	One Main Line	Main & One Ext	Main & Two Ext
Monthly Charge	$26.01	$26.01	$26.01
Monthly & features	$28.51	$28.51	$28.51
Installation Charge	$26.01	$36.41	$46.81

Installation Charge (Per Extension) B-4: $10.40

RECURRING CHARGES

Basic Service Charges B-1: $34.68, B-4: $26.01

* Features: Last Number Redial, Hold, Call Waiting, Call Forward--$2.50

NON-RECURRING CHARGES

Relocation (Per Extension) B-1: $13.87 B-4: $10.40
Add New Jack (Per Jack) B-1: $13.87 B-4: $10.40
Add or Remove Feature $1.00
Work order Processing $1.00
(Class/Number Change, Reactivate After TDY)

Local and Intra-Japan Calling Rates from on-base residences:

NTT Communications		08:00 - 19:00		Weekends, Japanese Holidays, 0800-2300		23:00 - 08:00	
		Yen	Sec	Yen	Sec	Yen	Sec
Local	Misawa, Towada (0176)	¥5.85	180	¥5.85	180	¥5.85	240
Up to 20km	Hachinohe(0178)	¥4.095	90	¥4.095	90	¥4.095	120
20-30km	Sannohe (0179)	¥4.095	60	¥4.095	75	¥4.095	90
30-60km	Ninohe (0195)	¥4.095	45	¥4.095	60	¥4.095	75
60-100 km	Mutsu (0175)	¥4.095	45	¥4.095	60	¥4.095	90
100km-	Sendai(022), Tokyo(03)	¥4.095	22.5	¥4.095	26	¥4.095	45

Cell Phone Rates (Calling from on-base line to cell phone)

		FLAT RATE
Dial 99 -	070-XXXX-XXXX	¥6.5 / 30 Seconds
	080-XXXX-XXXX	
	090-XXXX-XXXX	

Credit Card/Collect Call Access Numbers from on-base

AT&T 99-00539-111
MCI 99-00539-121
SPRINT 99-00539-131

International Phone Rates from on-base residences:

KDDI	FLAT RATE	
	Per Min	Every Sec
U.S.A., Hawaii, Alaska	¥5	¥0.08
Guam, Saipan	¥5	¥0.08
Puerto Rico	¥5	¥0.08
Philippines	¥15	¥0.25
Korea	¥10	¥0.16
Thailand	¥19	¥0.31
Australia	¥15	¥0.25
U.K.	¥17	¥0.28
France, Germany	¥20	¥0.33

Calls Billed In 1 Second Increments

4. Internet – Off-base Residences:
There are several internet service providers available to off-base residents, some with office right outside the Main Gate. There are many service options available including dial-up, ISDN, and fiber optic. Prices can vary greatly depending on the type of service and the method you use to obtain a phone line. Internet service providers can usually also help you with obtaining phone service. We recommend doing some comparison shopping, and you should be able to find a service that meets your needs and your budget.

5. Internet – On-base Residences:
The only internet provider available on base is SoftBank Telecom. Details on the service options are on-line at http://www.mil.softbanktelecom.co.jp/

Service plans range from $35.00 – $59.95. Both dial-up and high-speed services are available.

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TV and Radio stations: We do not have cable TV at Misawa yet, although it is projected for the near future. Here's what we have as of February 2007:

Channel 3 – AFN Spectrum
Channel 4 – AFN Prime
Channel 5 – AFN News
Channel 6 – AFN Korea
Channel 7 – AFN Guide
Channel 8 – Pentagon Channel
Channel 9 – AFN Family
Channel 10 – AFN Movie
Channel 11 – AFN Sports
Channel 12 – AFN Atlantic
Channel 13 – Commander's Access Channel
Channel 14 – Base Weather Channel
Channel 15 – 35 FSS Sq
Channel 16 - DoDDs
Channel 18 – Navy Movie Channel (G & PG)
Channel 19 – Navy Movie Channel (PG-13, R)
Channel 20 – Navy Movie Channel (PG-13, R)

The rest are local Japanese channels. Some have English programming, but they are very interesting even when you do not understand it! And on the weekends they will sometimes play movies in English.

Decoders are available through the BX to off-base residences for AFN programming. Without the decoder, only AFN Pacific is available.

AFN Radio is broadcast on 1575 AM, and 88.3 FM. More radio channels are available on base as part of the TV package.

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Almost everyone buys used. You can't take Japanese cars back to the US without it costing a fortune. Average price is $2-4,000, with trucks and vans running up towards $7,600. But you can often find decent cars for less. Sometimes you can even get one free (they go fast, usually just junkers). Make sure it has 2 years Japanese Compulsory Insurance (JCI) on it. Or at the very least one year JCI left on it. You must purchase liability insurance on top of JCI. There is also road tax every April which averages about $100 per car, but that is based on the kind of car you have. Also with JCI, when you have to JCI your car again, it is very expensive, so you might want to put a little money away each month for when that comes about.

N. PETS:

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If you bring a pet, keep all the paperwork you need with you. For information about what happens to your pet in the event of a NEO evacuation, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center Readiness (A&FRC) NCO or your unit Readiness Assistant Volunteer (RAV). We have a veterinary clinic on base. There are also 3 vet clinics off base that speak good English and in fact are sometimes cheaper! In the event of an emergency after hours you may call the hospital emergency room (not 911) to have them call the vet on call, or you may have to use the off base clinics. There are also people who pet-sit as a home business. The home business listing can be found at the A&FRC.

O. BASE DIRECTORY (ABBREVIATED)

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EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

AAFES HRO	222-5163	Bldg. 325	M – F: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm Closed Federal Holidays
USA Jobs	www.usajobs.gov		
Navy HRO	226-4239	NAF Bldg 980	M – F: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm Closed Federal Holidays
35 FSS HRO	226-3108/9275 Job-line: 226-jobs	Torii Bldg	M – F: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm Closed Federal Holidays

FOOD / RESTAURANTS

Burger King	222-5905		M – S 6:00 am – 9:00pm Sun 9:00 – 9:00
Café Mokuteki	222-6388	Bldg. 626	24 hours daily Closed 2nd Tue. Of month Lunch special 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Breakfast: 11:00 pm – 11:00 am
Dining Facility (Falcon Feeder)	226-1635	Bldg. 3262	
Dining Facility (Flight Kitchen)	226-3889	Bldg. 624	24 hours a day, 7 days week
Dining Facility (Grissom)	226-4463/4902	Bldg. 624	24 hours a day, 7 days week
Food court	222-6129	Bldg 325	M – F: 6:30 am – 8:00 pm Sat: 7:30 am – 8:00 pm Sun: 10:30 am – 7:00 pm.

Los Guerreros (Mexican Restaurant)	222-4mex	Bldg. 1464	M – Sat: 11:00 am – 9:00 pm Sun: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Magnums Steak & Seafood			T – Sat: 1700-2100
Mutsu Officers' Club	222-9516	Bldg. 486	M – F: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Closed 1st Mon. of month
Popeye's	222 – 7780		M – F 6:30 am – 9:00 pm Sat 9:00am – 9:00 pm Sun 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tohoku Enlisted Club	222-9511/9513/9514	Bldg. 485	M – F: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Closed 1st Mon. of month

MILITARY AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

Accounting & Finance	226-9242	Torii Bldg	M-W-F: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm T-Th: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Family Services	226-3666	Torii Bldg	M – F: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Airman and Family Readiness Center	226-4735	Torii Bldg	M – F: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Furnishings Management Office	226-3565	Bldg 1341	M – F: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Hospital	Appt. Line phone: 226-6111	Bldg. 99	Appt. Line hrs: M – F: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
Housing	226-3200	Torii Bldg	M – Th: 7:45 am – 3:30 pm F: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Legal	226-4022	Torii Bldg	M – F: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Military Personnel Section—Air Force	226-3962	Bldg. 653	M, T, Th, Fri: 8:30am – 4:30pm W: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Navy Personnel Support Detachment	226-4610	NAF, Bldg. 980	M – F: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. W – Thur 7:30 am – 3:00 pm
Women Infant and Children Overseas (WICO)	226-5595	696	M-F: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm
Traffic Management Office	Inbound/outbound: 226-3525; QC: 226-3310	Torii Bldg	M - F 8:00 am – 3:30 pm

RETAIL

AAFES BX - Exchange Mall	226-3880/4990	Bldg 325	M – F: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Sat: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm Sun: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Commissary	226-3823	Bldg 323	M, Tu, W, F: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Th: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm Sat 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Closed sun. Early bird shopping M – F: 8:00 am – 9:00 am.
Furniture Mart	222-7153/6116	Bldg 429	Tu – Sat: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Sun 12:00 am – 5:00 pm
Shoppette	222-5750/5730	Bldg 552	Daily 6:00 am – 11:00 pm

CHILD CARE / SCHOOLS / YOUTH SERVICES

Child Development Centers	226-4666	Bldg 10	M – F: 6:00 am – 6:00 pm
Family Child Care Office	226-2273	Bldg 697	M – F: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Cummings Elementary School	226-2647	Bldg 1948 (North Area)	M – F: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
Edgren High School	226-4377	Bldg 746	M – F: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm

Lunney Youth Center - ages 9-12	226-3220 Youth Sports, Phone 226-3882	Bldg 112	Office: M – F: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Youth Center Hours: Open Recreation M – F: Noon – 6:00 pm Sat: Noon – 5:00 pm Closed Federal Holidays except for special events
School Age Program. K-1st Grade	226-2837	Bldg 10	M – F: 6:00 – 8:30 am & 2:50 - 6 pm Closed Sat, Sun & Federal Holidays
School Age Program. Grades 2 - 6	226-2266	Bldg 412	M – F: 6:00 - 8:30 am & 2:50 - 6 pm Closed Sat, Sun & Federal Holidays
Sollars Elementary School	226-3933/4195	Bldg 80	M – F: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Wakasa Teen Center - ages 13-18	226-2170/9984	Bldg 628	Tu, Th: 1:00 -– 9:00 pm F: 7:00 -– 11:00 pm at Lunney Youth
Youth North!	226-2753	Tower 1937 rec room	

Base Services

Auto Skills	226-4654	Bldg. 767	T – F: Noon – 8:00 pm Sat: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Sun: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Closed 2nd Tue each month
Base Beach	226-9378		M – F: Noon – 7:00 pm Sat, Sun: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Base Chapel	226-4630	Bldg 358	M – F: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Base Pool (Himberg)	226-9378/3152	Bldg. 625	
Batting Cages	226-9378		M, T, Th, F: 5:00 – 9:00 pm Sat, Sun: Noon – 5:00 pm Closed Wed, during inclement weather, and Federal Holidays
Bowling Center (Walmsley)	222-7731	Bldg. 627	Sun – Th: 10:00 am – 11:00 pm F, Sat: 10:00 – 1:00 Closed 1st Tu of each mo., Christmas
Ceramics/multi-crafts			7 days a week: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Community Bank	226-3880 for a recording or 226-4070 for customer service	Bldg 320	M – Th: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Fri and military paydays: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Community Center	226-4128	Bldg. 626	T – Sun: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm Closed Mon Game room: Sun, T, W, Th: 4:00 – 10:00 pm F, Sat: 4:00 pm – 2:00 am Teen hours: Tue: 1:00 – 7:00
Federal Credit Union	222-5412/5437	Bldg 320	M – F: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Fitness Center (Freedom)	226-9976	Bldg. 1962	M – F: 5:00 am – 10:00 pm Sat & Sun: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Fitness Center (Potter)	226-3982	Bldg. 622	24 hours, 7 days Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years
Frame Shop	226-4371	Bldg. 628	M – F: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Sat: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Golf Course (Gosser Memorial)	222-golf	Bldg. 1464	M – F: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Graphics Shop	226-4279	Bldg. 628	M – F: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
ITT Travel	Local tours, ph 226-3555 Leisure travel, ph 226-9714	Bldg. 1044	M – F: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sat: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Closed Sun, Federal Holidays & 2nd Wed. each month
Leftwich Park	Reservations: 226-9378	Near security hill	Daily dawn to dusk
Library	226-4083	Bldg. 629	M – Th: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm F – Sun: Noon – 6:00 pm Federal holidays: Noon – 5:00 pm
Lodging	FD: 222-1182 Reservations: 222-1185	Bldg. 670	24 hours, 7 days
Mini-golf	226-9378		M – T: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm F – S : 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Misawa Artisans Thrift Shop (MATS)	226-2040	Bldg. 1044	Tu – Sat: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Closed Sun, M, & federal holidays
Misawa Services University	226-2274/2272	Bldg. 656	M – F: 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Outdoor Recreation	Equipment rental 226-9378	Bldg. 1044	M – F: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Sat & Sun: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Holidays: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Closed 2nd Wed each month
Paintball/skeet & trap range	226-9378	Security hill	Sat: 9:00 am –4:00 pm
Sales Store / Balloon Time			7 days a week, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Services Auto Center	226-9486	Bldg. 965	Mon – Fri: 7:30 am – 5:30 pm Sat: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Towing appointments: M – F: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Closed Sun & 2nd Tu
Ski Lodge (Land Memorial)	Reservations 226-9378	Bldg. 1482	
Skills Development Center	226-4452	Bldg. 645	7 Days a week 10:00am – 6:00pm
Veterinary Services	226-4502	Bldg. 1370	M, T, W, F: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Th: Noon – 4:00 pm Closed weekends & Federal Holidays
Wood Shop			7 Days a week 10:00am – 6:00pm

3. JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

A. JAPANESE SURVIVAL TIPS

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DO'S

DO go off-base as often as possible. Don't miss put on all Japan has to offer!

DO be considerate of other people at all times. The whole system of Japanese customs and courtesy is based on consideration of others.

DO try to learn as much of the Japanese language as possible. It's not nearly as difficult as you might imagine. A little language goes a long way in prompting friendship.

DO keep to the left, not only on the roads, but also on sidewalks, hallways and stairs. You will bump into people less often if you stay to the left.

DO try all kinds of Japanese food. You'll be surprised at how quickly you'll develop a taste for things you thought you wouldn't like.

DO pick up your bowl of miso soup and drink form the bowl. It is not considered ill-mannered in Japan.

DO learn how to use "hashi" (chop sticks). Anything can be eaten with hashi and you will become very proficient with a little practice.

DON'T

DON'T eat or drink while walking on the streets or in public places, except at festivals. It is considered very ill-mannered. When Japanese people buy food or drink at a stand, they either eat it at the stand, a designated eating area, or take it home.

DON'T talk loudly or play music loudly while walking on the streets or in public where you will disturb people.

DON'T be boisterous, horse around, use profanity, whistle or yell at a female, or otherwise attract unfavorable attention to yourself. Japanese people are very private.

DON'T show physical affection in public.

DON'T wear your shoes in Japanese homes and in some public places.

DON'T tip in Japan. On base, tip as you would in the United States.

B. YEN RATE:

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The yen rate currently fluctuates around 100 yen to 1 dollar. This makes it fairly easy to get a rough estimate of what something costs. 1000 yen equals 10 dollars. Drop two zeros from the yen price and that's approximately the cost in dollars. Another example 1500 yen is 15 dollars.

C. JAPANESE LANGUAGE GUIDE

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Pronunciation: Consonants are pronounced as in English. Pronounce vowels as follows: “a” as the “a” in father, “I” as the “e” in he, “u” as the “o” in to,”e” as the “e” in bed, and “o” as the owe. Vowels must be pronounced correctly to be understood. Break works into syllables clearly and with an even accent.

Good Morning .....Ohayo gozaimasu
Good afternoon. .....Kon nichi wa

Good Evening.....Kon ban wa
Good-bye .....Sayonara
Hello (telephone) .....Moshi Moshi
What is this? (that?).....Kore (are) wa nan desu ka?

How are you?.....Genki desu ka?
What is your name? .....Onemamae wa nan desu ka?

I’m fine, thank you .....Hai, genki desu, domo
Please.....Dozo

Thank you.....Domo arigato
You’re welcome .....Do itashimaste

Yes.....Hai
No .....Iie
Excuse Me .....Sumimasan
Where can I buy?.....Doko de kae masuka

I’m sorry .....Gomen nasai
Do you understand.....Wakarimasu ka?

I don’t understand .....Wakarimasen

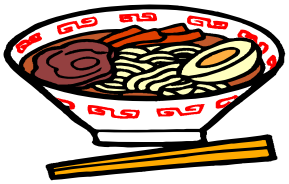
Do you speak English? ..... Eigo o hanashi masu ka?
Let me introduce_____. ..... _____o goshokai shima su.
I’m pleased to meet you..... Dozo yoroshiku.

What time is it now?..... Ima nanji desu ka?

How much is this? ..... Kore wa ikura desu ka?
Please give me change. ..... Ryogae o shite kudasai.

Please help me ..... Tasuketa kudasai
I have lost my ____ ..... ____o nakushimashiti
Wallet/purse ..... Saifu
Woman’s Purse ..... Handobaggu
Umbrella..... Kasa

Where is the____?.....____doko desu ka?
Hospital .....Byion
Fire station.....Shobosho
Military base.....Kichi
Train Station. .....Eki
Bank .....Ginko
Telephone.....Denwa



Is it near?.....Chikai desu ka?
Is it far? .....Toi desu ka?

D. EATING OUT

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Arriving in a strange new country can be a harrowing experience no matter how much you’ve looked forward to it. If you’re a newcomer to Japan, we’d like to help you get started on the right foot. We’ve gathered some information about the food and language that we think will be helpful to you.

DINING OUT

In department store and some other restaurants, you must buy tickets for your food before you sit down. Wax models of the foods are usual located at the entrance. After making your selection, tell it to the cashier. You will pay at this time and the cashier will give you tickets. If you can’t read the name of your selection, ask the cashier to follow you to the display case and point to what you want. The waiter will tear your tickets in half and bring your items when they are ready

Some useful phrases:

Please give me a fork.....(Fooku o kudasai.)
Please give me a spoon.....(Supuun o kudasai.)
Please give me (a glass of) water.....(Omizu o kudasai.)
Coffee.....(Koohii)
Coca cola.....(Kohka kora)
Black tea.....(Koocha)
Green tea .....(Ocha)

Note- Japanese (green) tea is usually available free for the asking in many restaurants. Other beverages can be quite expensive. Ocha is drunk unsweetened.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

We've listed some foods which you might like to try when you first arrive. The name of each in Roman letters and Japanese characters to help you recognize it on a menu or food display. Enjoy!

Gohan (rice, ご飯, ごはん) – Plain, steamed rice

Chaanan (fried rice, 炒飯, チャーハン) – rice fried with onions, vegetables and sometimes meat

Karee-raisu (curry rice, カレーライス) – Steamed rice with a curry sauce over it, containing various meats or seafood, and usually vegetables.

Tempura (天ぷら, てんぷら) – Shrimp and vegetables coated with a batter and deep-fried. Served with a dipping sauce.

Tendon (天丼) – A bowl of rice with deep-fried shrimp and/or fish. A thin sauce is poured over also that the shrimp are not as crispy as in Tempura. This usually comes with a bowl of broth soup and a small dish of pickled vegetables.

Yakisoba (Fried noodles, 焼きそば, やきそば) - Soft Chinese noodles fried with onions, cabbage, carrots and meat of seafood, flavored with soy sauce or a lightly sweeter sauce.

Sukiyaki (すき焼, すきやき) – Cooked at your table, this dish can fairly expensive. Thin slices of beef and vegetables are cooked in a mixture of soy sauce, sake and sugar. A raw egg is provided with each dinner. Mix it up a bit and dip your meat land vegetables into it before eating them.

Gyoza (餃子, ぎょうざ) – Crescent-shaped Chinese pastries filled with ground pork, cabbage and green onions. Many people prefer them fried, but they can be boiled or steamed. Dip into a mixture of sesame seed oil, vinegar, and hot pepper.

Yakitori (焼き鳥, やきとり) – A snack consisting of small pieces of chicken (can include skin and liver) dipped into a sauce and then grilled on skewers over charcoal.

Tonkatsu (トンカツ, とんかつ) – (pork cutlet) A deep-fried breaded pork cutlet, usually served with finely shredded cabbage. This meal might also include a potato salad or slice of tomato.

Sushi/Sashimi (寿司、すし/ 刺身, さしみ) – Sushi refers to slices of very fresh raw fish, placed on or in balls of vinegared rice, sometimes wrapped in seaweed. This is picked up with fingers or chopsticks and dipped in soy sauce before eating. Fresh raw fish served alone in thin slices artfully arranged on a plate is called sashimi.

Udon/Soba (うどん/ そば) – Udon refers to noodles made of white flour which comes in several shapes, from thin and round like vermicelli to flat and thick like macaroni. Soba refers to noodles made of darker buckwheat flour and generally the shape of ordinary spaghetti. Both can be served hot or cold, with a tasty broth.

Oden (おでん) - Japanese enjoy a dish which was developed 250 years ago. It consists of fish, bean curd, bamboo shoots, eggs, and various combinations of fish-paste covered vegetables simmered in a soup stock made of dashi, chicken broth, seaweed, etc.

ENJOY THE TASTES OF JAPAN!

4. MAPS

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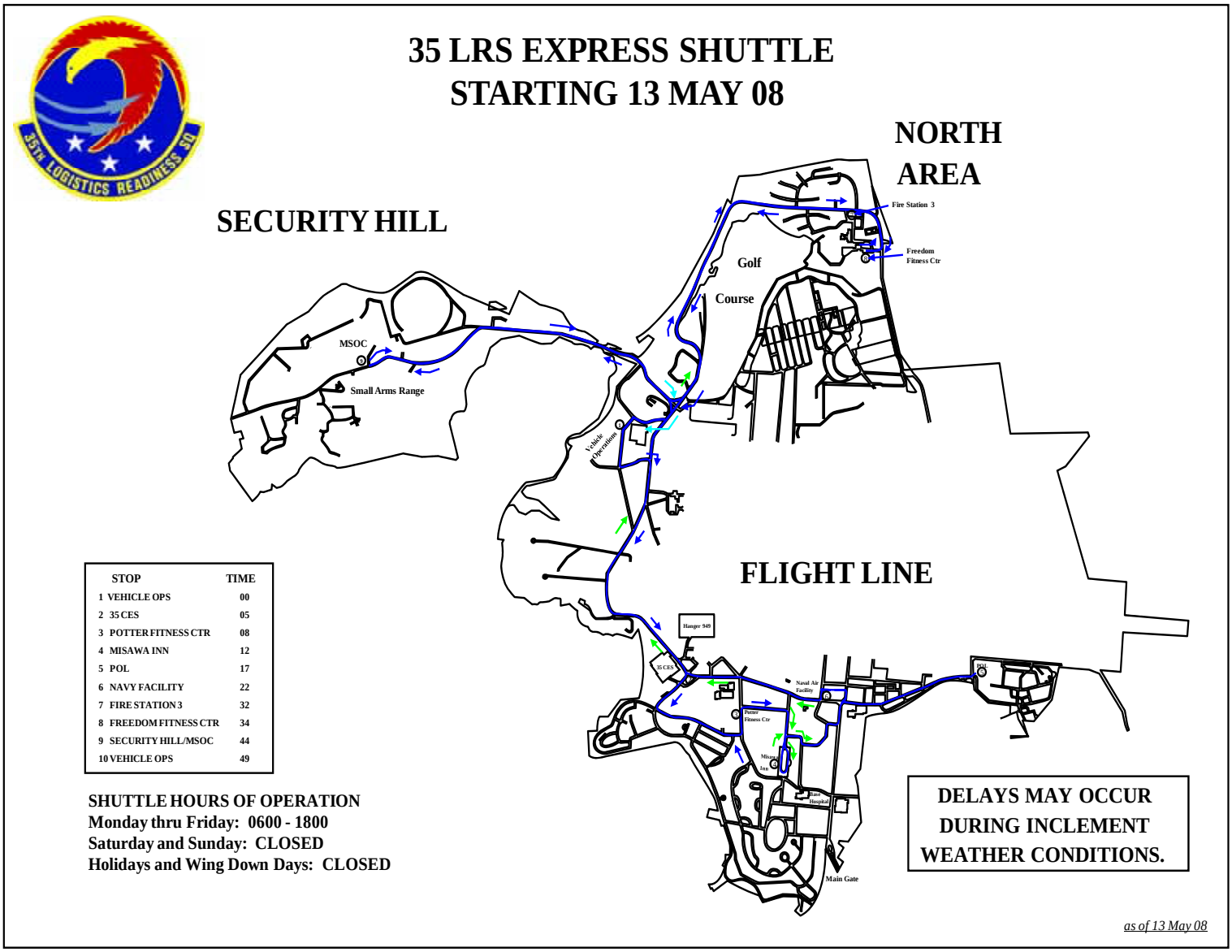
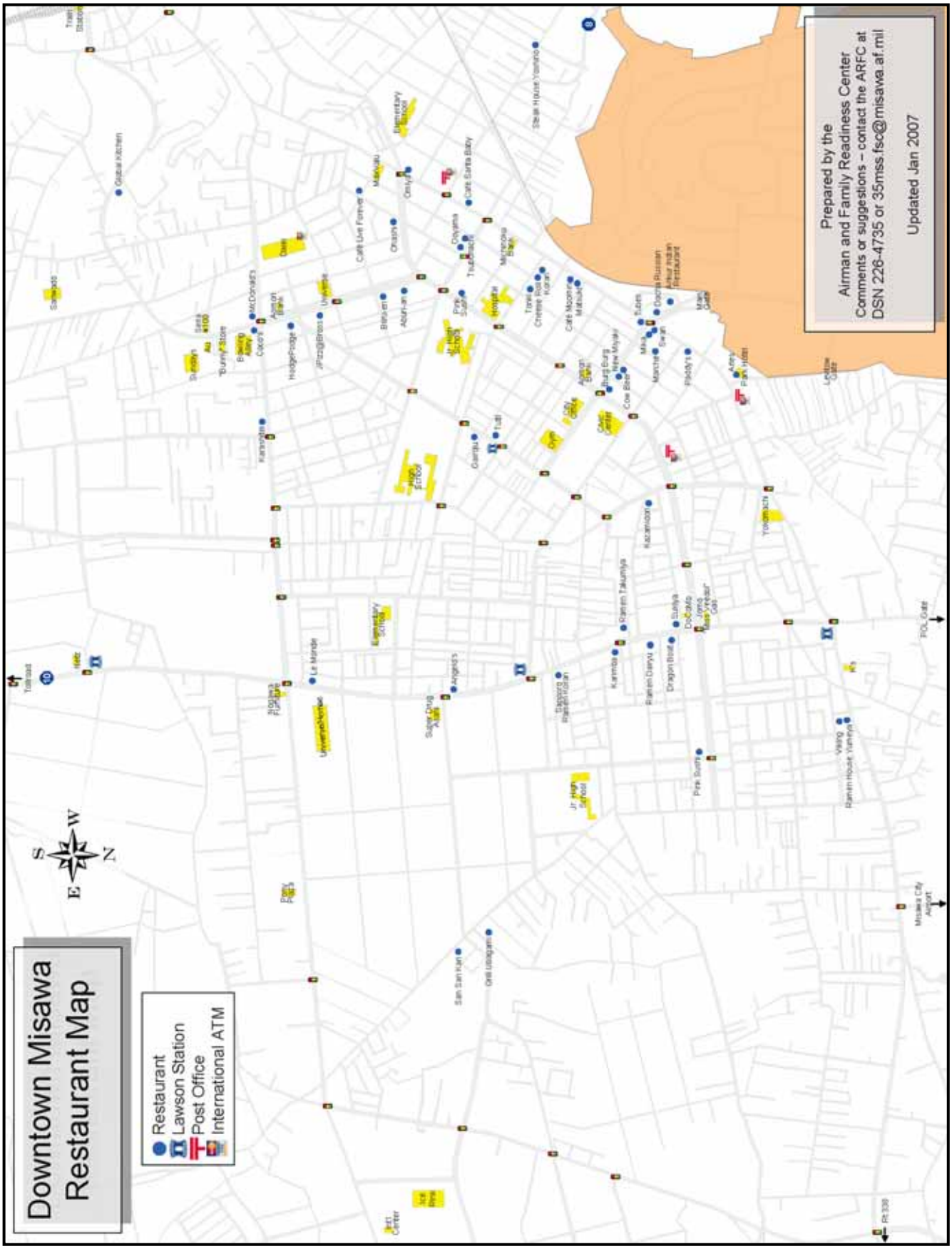
A. MISAWA MASS TRANSIT SERVICE:

There are two different shuttle buses that run at Misawa. The following is the schedule for each. There are bus stops around base that will have the most recent schedule.



B. Restaurant Map:



5. Right Start Program Schedule

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Inprocessing at Misawa has been consolidated into a four-day Right Start program. Right Start is held every week.

Day 1 – Tuesday: Active Duty Air Force only. When you arrive, check in with MPF to make sure you are scheduled for the next available Right Start.

Day 2 – Wednesday: Active Duty (all Services) and spouses. This day of orientation begins with a welcome from base leadership. Following several important and informative briefings, the day concludes with the Driver's Safety Course and issuing of driver's licenses. The Driver's Safety Course starts at 1400.

Day 3 – Thursday: Misawa City Tour and Culture Brief. Mandatory for ADAF and highly recommended for family members. Provides an orientation to the host city and essential culture tips.

Day 4 – Friday: Hachinohe City Tour. Mandatory for ADAF and highly recommended for family members. Takes you Hachinohe for more orientation to the culture with stops at the Fish Market, cultural sites and shopping centers.

The "Warrior Brief" is held the last Wednesday of each month from 0800-0900 in the 35th OSS. This is a mandatory, classified briefing for active duty Air Force. You must have a copy of your orders and your ID card to attend.

Welcome Package Survey
Airman and Family Readiness Center, DSN 226-4735

Please take a few minutes to let us know if this Welcome Package met your needs as you prepared for your relocation to Misawa. We welcome and encourage feedback that assists us in our efforts to continually improve.

1. **Did you use the "Frequently Used Resources" on page 10 and were the links current and helpful?**						
	Outstanding ☐	**Excellent** ☐	**Good** ☐	**Fair** ☐	**Poor** ☐	**N/A** ☐
Comments:						
2. **Using the Table of Contents on page 2, was it easy to find the information you needed?**						
	Outstanding ☐	**Excellent** ☐	**Good** ☐	**Fair** ☐	**Poor** ☐	**N/A** ☐
Comments:						
3. **Did you find all the information you needed to make your relocation a success, either directly in this package or in one of the referral resources listed?**						
	Outstanding ☐	**Excellent** ☐	**Good** ☐	**Fair** ☐	**Poor** ☐	**N/A** ☐
4. **What is your overall rating of this Welcome Package?**						
	Outstanding ☐	**Excellent** ☐	**Good** ☐	**Fair** ☐	**Poor** ☐	**N/A** ☐
What did you like?:						
What needs improvement?:						

Please remove this survey from your package and return it to the Airman and Family Readiness Center by dropping it off after your arrival at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Torii Bldg. 656, 1st Floor or mail it to:
35 FSS/FSFR
Unit 5021 Box 30
APO AP 96319
Thank you for your assistance!