



## Group/Air Station Port Angeles

**Active Duty Personnel:** 105

**Reserve Personnel:** 28

**Civilian Personnel:** 6

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**Established:** The Coast Guard's presence in Port Angeles, Wash., began 130 years ago on Aug. 1, 1862, with the arrival of the Shubrick, the first Revenue Cutter to be home ported on the Olympic Peninsula. Ediz Hook, a level sand spit extending from the mainland north and east into the Strait of Juan De Fuca, was declared a Federal Lighthouse Reservation by President Lincoln in 1863. The first lighthouse was commissioned on April 1, 1865. The air station was commissioned by the first commanding officer, Lt. Carl G. Bowman, June 1, 1935, becoming the first Coast Guard air station on the Pacific Coast. Its location was chosen for its strategic position for coastal defense of the Northwest. Group Port Angeles has responsibility for the operational units in their area which include: Station Neah Bay in Neah Bay, Wash.; Station Quillayute River in LaPush, Wash.; the 110-foot USCGC Cuttyhunk in Port Angeles; the new 87-foot USCGC Osprey, in Port Townsend, Wash., 87-foot USCGC Adelie, in Port Angeles; and three HH-65A Dolphin helicopters stationed at Air Station Port Angeles, Wash.

**What we do:** Missions include: search and rescue, law enforcement, aids to navigation, marine environmental protection, and enforcement of laws and treaties. Because of the range of the HH-65A, the helicopters often respond to missions as far north as Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition, the air station frequently responds to calls for assistance in logging and other inland accidents. The group provides personnel, supply, administration, naval and civil engineering, communications and

other support functions for group units. Existing facilities include the hangar, administrative and support facilities, exchange, medical, and dental clinic. The docks serve as pier facilities for the cutters Cuttyhunk, Adelie and a 41-foot utility boat. The pier can accommodate vessels up to 400 feet long.

**Accomplished Operations:** Group/Air Station Port Angeles was mission coordinator for a two and half ton cocaine seizure Feb. 22, 2001, aboard the fishing vessel Western Wind. The Coast Guard cutters Osprey, Cowslip and Orcas intercepted the vessel off the Washington coast after a tip from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This is the largest maritime seizure of cocaine in Washington state.



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