

MWR Internship, Borinquen, Puerto Rico

DESCRIPTION: The MWR Program at Base Detachment Borinquen strives to provide Coast Guard members, Department of Homeland Security, and Department of Defense civilians stationed there a means of recreational, sporting, and morale enhancing activities. These activities include functions such as Holiday parties, celebrations, sport day activities, aerobics and dance classes, arts and crafts activates, sports challenges, outdoor adventure, and social gatherings. Facilities within the MWR Program include Guest Housing, Community Center, Swimming Pool, Library, Equipment Rental, Sports and Fitness, Arts and Crafts Center, and the Youth Center affiliated with The Boys and Girls Club of America. It is highly encouraged to bring a laptop if you have one to maximize your internship experience.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Air Station Borinquen seeks interns with emphasis in abilities to gain experience in conducting intramural sports competitions, outdoor recreation programs, special events, youth activities, aquatics, and in the areas of restaurant and lodging for Hospitality Management majors. Bi-lingual in Spanish is preferred, but not a requirement. Opportunities exist to work in a great fast-paced learning environment with flexible hours and diverse experiences in all of the facilities and activities describe above. Opportunities range from pool operations, to intramural sport programs, gym operations, and special annual events such as the Coast Guard Day picnic and Fourth of July celebrations. Must be a student in good standing pursuing an undergraduate/graduate degree in Recreation or other MWR-related field and identified as such by an institution of higher learning having an affiliation agreement with the Coast Guard.

SUPERVISOR/MENTOR QUALIFICATIONS: Mr. Paul Calain has over 25 years of experience with MWR. Having worked with Navy, Air Force, Army and Coast Guard MWR, his experience is vast with a focus on fitness and outdoor recreation programs. From the young single person, to those married with dependents, he is fully aware of and committed to supporting and resolving quality of life issues for members assigned to Borinquen.

HOUSING: Housing will be provided in a fully furnished house with kitchen, bath, washer, dryer, refrigerator, microwave, cable TV, and wireless internet. House is a non-smoking facility and pets are not allowed.

MEALS: The Community Center offers breakfast and lunch on weekdays. Personal meal preparation is also possible in the fully furnished kitchen provided in guest housing. MWR will reimburse up to \$17 per week for meal/food reimbursement when submitting receipts.

PAY: No pay, this is a volunteer internship.

TRAVEL: Travel to and from the internship is the responsibility of the student. Arrangements may be made for pick up at the airport by contacting the Base Detachment Borinquen MWR Director prior to arrival. Contact information will be provided to you once selected for the internship.

AVAILABILITY: Intern positions may be open for 12 to 16 weeks in duration (depending on school requirements) on a year-round basis. Best time for internship is June-September when more events occur. (Note: There is no requirement to join the Coast Guard, these are civilian positions).

TO APPLY: The deadline to apply is 60 days prior to start date of the internship. Planning ahead is most important especially if we need to establish an affiliation agreement with your university. Send your resume with cover letter (include locations of interest and desired semester on cover), official transcripts, and letter of recommendation to:

US Coast Guard
Community Services Command
MWR Attn: Mike Criswell
510 Independence Parkway, Suite 500
Chesapeake, VA 23320

For further information about MWR internships contact, [Michael Criswell](#).