



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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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 the 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. Our focus is on three main areas: Mission, Leadership, and Community. 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 our 2008 Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Unit Compliance Inspection. We work hard, but we are also vigilant in taking 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 growing for over a decade 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 a \$1.2 million junior enlisted facility, an indoor running track, expanded coffee and food services in the north area of base, four renovated or upgraded dormitories, and over 600 renovated housing units by the end of 2010, with more to follow in the coming years.
4. The local Misawa community provides many great opportunities to see Northern Japan. Whether you take advantage of the Information, Tickets & Travel office, join an Outdoor Recreation adventure, or strike out on your own, I strongly encourage you to get out and get involved. Our Japanese hosts are very friendly and 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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