



SB - Special Warfare Boat Operator

The Naval Special Warfare Combat Crewman (SWCC) evolved from the PT Boat Sailors of WWII and the “Brown Water Navy” of Vietnam. SWCC is specially trained to support and perform maritime special operations tactics and missions in open ocean, littoral and riverine environments. Their professional occupation in the Navy is known as Special Warfare Boat Operator (SB).

Qualifying for SWCC (SB) in the Delayed Entry Program is preferred and accounts for the majority of SWCC applicants in the training pipeline. Candidates may also volunteer for SWCC during basic training at Recruit Training Center (RTC), Great Lakes, IL, or at any time during their active duty enlistment prior to their 30th birthday. Candidates 31 or 32 will be considered for a waiver, if they meet the needs of the SB Rating Enlisted Community Manager (ECM).

After RTC graduation, a more stringent physical examination and medical screening is conducted by Naval Special Warfare Basic Training Command (BTC) in Coronado, CA. Recruit's entrance medical examinations will be reviewed and physical screening tests given by BTC. SWCC training is physically and mentally demanding.

SWCCs receive extra pay for special duty assignment and parachuting. SWCCs are selected for parachute training, in both Static Line and Military Free Fall, to meet mission requirements.

Warrior Challenge Program information is available in COMNAVCRUITCOMINST 1130.8K VOL IV CHAPTER 1 SECTION 3

WHAT THEY DO

- Conduct surgical military actions, while assigned to small boat teams with very unique capabilities.
- Insert/Extract Special Operations Forces personnel from a variety of NSW clandestine crafts.
- Operate independently in small boat teams to accomplish operational tasks.
- Operate and maintain small arms and crew-served weapon systems, communications, electronics, stealth boats, and other equipment associated with SWCC missions.
- Conduct Direct Action and Reconnaissance missions in support of Counter Terror Operations.



CAREER PATH AFTER RECRUIT TRAINING

Candidates are taught the fundamentals of SWCC basic core tactics and mission through formal Navy schooling and on-the-job training. SWCC candidates attend multiple phases of training at the SWCC Training Center (STC) in Coronado, CA.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Naval Special Warfare Orientation (NSWO)	Coronado, CA	7 weeks	Basic Conditioning, physical and psychological preparation for SWCC training	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
SWCC Training Center Alpha Phase (Selection)	Coronado, CA	7 weeks	Physical training, water competency and mental tenacity while building teamwork	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Bravo Phase (Training)	Coronado, CA	7 weeks	Train, develop and assess physical conditioning, water competency, basic seamanship, boat handling, teamwork and mental tenacity	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Charlie Phase (Qualification)	Coronado, CA	17 Weeks	Training and qualify candidates in advanced SWCC core tactical knowledge and skills required for maritime operations, SERE, Static Line Parachute	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction

After graduation, SWCC are assigned to Special Boat Teams in: Little Creek, VA; Stennis, MS; or Coronado, CA. Special Boat Operators spend 80% of their time assigned to operational Special Boat Teams capable to deploy worldwide and 20% assigned to training/staff commands.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT



Special Warfare Boat Operators perform Special Operations missions from high speed stealth combat crafts, fixed wing aircraft, helicopters, and Navy ships. They may be exposed to arctic, desert or jungle environments, including survival in enemy controlled areas. SWCC may also perform administrative and foreign training missions in a wide variety of climates throughout the world.



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QUALIFICATIONS & INTERESTS



Special Warfare Boat Operator candidates should be motivated, self-assured and self-confident, willing to follow orders and able to work under stressful and hazardous conditions. Candidates should be in excellent physical condition and motivated to withstand the rigorous physiological demands imposed by the maritime environment. The ability to swim and withstand fatigue is a major factor in successful completion of ALPHA phase. Other necessary characteristics needed are good aptitude for mechanical skills, study habits, knowledge of arithmetic and basic algebra, and manual dexterity. Special Warfare Boat Operator candidates must be U.S. citizens eligible for security clearance.



MANAGE A NAVY CAREER WITH NAVY LADR

See the Navy LaDR (**Learning and Development Roadmap**) for this rating:

SB https://www.cool.osd.mil/usn/LaDR/sb_e4_e9.pdf



EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

The American Council on Education recommends that semester hour credits be awarded in the vocational certificate and lower-division bachelor's / associate's degree categories for courses taken in this rating on word processing or data entry applications and office management procedures. See the college credits available via a **Joint Services Transcript** for this rating:

SB https://www.cool.osd.mil/usn/jst/sb_jst.pdf



EARN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED APPRENTICESHIPS

The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (**USMAP**) is a formal military training program that provides active duty and Navy Training and Administration of the Reserves (TAR) Service members the opportunity to improve their job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while they are on active duty. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) provides the nationally recognized "Certificate of Completion" upon program completion.

Visit United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (**USMAP**) for apprenticeships:

<https://usmap.osd.mil/navyRatings.htm>



EARN INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Navy COOL catalogs and defines comprehensive information on occupational credentials - including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships - correlating with every Navy rating and some collateral duties. It provides "how to" instructions for pursuing these credentials, links to credentialing organizations, and cross-references to programs that help Sailors pay for credentialing fees. Shortly following the initial rating technical training (Class "A" technical school), Sailors may be able to take advantage of earning civilian/industry certifications & licenses (credentials), funded through Navy COOL.

EARN SKILL SETS TOWARDS CIVILIAN RELATED OCCUPATIONS

The skill sets for this rating crosswalk to civilian related occupations listed by the U.S. Department of Labor. See Related Civilian, Federal and Military Sealift Command Occupations for this rating on Navy COOL.

Visit the Navy **COOL** website:

SB <https://www.cool.osd.mil/usn/moc/index.html?moc=sb>



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For more information about MilGears – Powered by COOL, visit <https://milgears.osd.mil>

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Navy COOL App (Android):

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tracen.navycool>



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