

GLOSSARY

Not sure what a particular Navy term or acronym means? Here's a resource that can get you in the know.

NAVY ACRONYMS

AO

Aviation Ordnanceman

APG

Advanced Pay Grade

Opportunity to advance to a higher pay grade based on previously obtained experience.

ASTB

Aviation Selection Test Battery

ASVAB

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

Test administered by the military to determine qualification for enlistment in the Armed Forces.

BMT

Basic Military Training

Initial instruction given to new military personnel.

BS

Battle Stations

The final test at Boot Camp that determines the passage to becoming a U.S. Navy Sailor. On board ship, a location and conditions to respond to when under attack or experiencing an emergency such as a fire.

BUD/S

Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL

A SEAL training course that develops mental and physical stamina as well as leadership skills.

BUPERS

Bureau of Navy Personnel

Organization served to provide administrative leadership, policy planning and general oversight of the Navy.

CB

Construction Battalion (Seabees)

The Navy community of construction workers.

CDR

Commander

Navy Senior Officer rank (0–5).

CEC

Civil Engineer Corps

Officer corps that oversees the construction, renovation, maintenance and building of Navy projects all over the world.

CNO

Chief of Naval Operations

The highest ranking Officer in the U.S. Navy.

CO

Commanding Officer

A commissioned Navy Officer in charge of a designated Navy command.

CREO

Career Reenlistment Objectives

CTI

Cryptologic Technicians Interpretive

Navy linguists tasked to gather highly classified intelligence information for the Navy's top-level decision makers using foreign language skills.

DD214

DD Form 214

Certificate of release or discharge from Active Duty.

DEP

Delayed Entry Program

Program that allows recruits to join the Navy but postpone reporting for duty for up to a year.

DLA

Dislocation Allowance

Money provided to Sailors to aid in moves from one duty station to another.

DMI

Departmental Material Inspection

An inspection of bed making, folding and stowing of gear.

DOD

Department of Defense

Federal department in charge of organizing and supervising all agencies related directly to national defense, specifically the Armed Forces.

DON

Department of the Navy

Department established by Congress to provide support and leadership to the U.S. Navy.

DT

Dental Technician

Enlisted Sailor tasked with assisting Navy Dentists in providing dental care to Navy personnel and their families.

EAOS

End of Active Obligated Service

Date at which one's Naval service has been officially completed.

ENL

Enlisted

Rank achieved by Sailors who have completed the minimum educational requirement of a high school diploma.

EOD

Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Technicians tasked to safely dispose of explosive materials.

FAC

Forward Air Controller

An individual who directs the action of military aircraft engaged in close air support of land forces.

FMF

Fleet Marine Force

HM

Hospital Corpsman

Enlisted Sailor tasked with assisting Navy Medical Officers in providing medical care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families.

IT

Information Technology

Naval community made up of communications experts who process, transmit and analyze a wide variety of data.

JAG

Judge Advocate General

Corps that provides legal services and advice in all legal matters involving the Navy or the Command.

JTF

Joint Task Force

The combination of more than one military service.

LSO

Landing Signal Officer

Naval Aviators specifically trained to facilitate the safe recovery of aircraft aboard aircraft carriers.

MAVNI

Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest

MCPON

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy
The senior most Enlisted member of the U.S. Navy.

MEPS

Military Entrance Processing Station
Station where recruits take the ASVAB, physical exam, select a rating and take the Oath of Enlistment.

MSC

Medical Service Corps
Navy Officer Corps consisting of health-care administrators, optometrists, pharmacists, scientists and other specialized practitioners.

NEX

The Navy Exchange
A department store for military personnel and their families.

NFO

Naval Flight Officer
Officer who specializes in aircraft weapons and sensor systems (2nd seat in the cockpit).

NKO

Navy Knowledge Online
For more information, please visit [Navy Knowledge Online](#).

NROWS

Navy Reserve Order Writing System

NPS

Non-Prior Service
Someone without any previous military experience.

NRC

Navy Recruiting Command
Main headquarters for Navy recruiting, located in Millington, Tennessee.

NROTC

Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps
A college scholarship program used to recruit future commissioned Officers for the Navy and Marine Corps.

NSAWC

Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center
Center that provides training and service to aircrews and squadrons.

OCS

Officer Candidate School
A 12-week training program designed to give Officers a working knowledge of the Navy. It is the equivalent to Officer Boot Camp.

OIC

Officer in Charge
A commissioned Navy Officer in charge of an organization, facility or function, responsible for a group of Officers and Sailors in the organization.

PAO

Public Affairs Officer
Officer responsible for preparing and disseminating information relative to military operations through news releases, photographs, radio and television, and other informational material.

PFA

Physical Fitness Assessment
A required basic physical test conducted to determine the physical fitness of Navy personnel.

PI

Personal Inspections
An inspection of a recruit's personal appearance and uniform.

PIR

Pass-in-review
Boot Camp graduation.

PRD

Projected Rotation Date

Date on which a Navy Officer or Sailor's next duty station is established based on their pay grade and community.

PRT

Physical Readiness Test

A required basic physical test conducted to determine the physical fitness of Navy personnel.

RDC

Recruit Drill/Division Commander

Sailor responsible for training recruits at the Navy Recruit Training Command (RTC).

RL

Restricted Line

A Line Officer is a commissioned Officer who is not eligible for sea command.

RTC

Recruit Training Command

Campus located in Great Lakes, Illinois, where Navy recruits train to become Sailors. Also known as Boot Camp.

SEAL

Sea-Air-Land (Team)

Members of the Navy Special Operations Force who specialize in direct action and special reconnaissance missions.

SECNAV

Secretary of the Navy

Civilian head of the Department of the Navy, responsible for conducting all affairs related to the Department.

SIQ

Sick In Quarters

Term used when a medical condition or injury is such that in-hospital care is not required to return the patient to a full- or limited-duty status.

SWCC

Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman (pronounced: swick)

Navy Special Operations Force member who operates the inventory of boats used for mission support.

SWO

Surface Warfare Officer

Navy Officer Corps who pilot, operate and manage a surface ship such as destroyers and cruisers.

TAD

Temporary Additional Duty

A temporary assignment of additional duty.

UCMJ

Uniform Code of Military Justice

The foundation of all military law in the United States, applicable to all members of uniformed services of the United States.

URL

Unrestricted Line Officer

Officer of the line in the U.S. Navy who is qualified to command ships, subs and aviation units and can rise to high Navy leadership positions such as CNO.

USN

United States Navy

The sea branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

USNA

United States Naval Academy

The undergraduate college in Annapolis, Maryland, that educates and commissions Navy Officers and Marine Corps Officers.

WSO

Weapons System Officer

Specific to the F/A-18F and F/A-18D aircrafts, an Officer who specializes in airborne weapons and sensor systems.

XO

Executive Officer

Naval Officer who is second in command, reporting to the Commanding Officer (CO).