

# GLOSSARY

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

## NAVY ACRONYMS

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### **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).