



ND - Navy Diver

Navy Divers perform underwater salvage, repair and maintenance, submarine rescue and support Special Warfare and Explosive Ordnance Disposal while using a variety of diving equipment. They also maintain and repair diving systems. Candidates may also volunteer for Navy Diver during basic training at Recruit Training Center, at "A" school, or at any time during their enlistment prior to their 6th year of naval service. In-service recruiters (Dive Motivators) at RTC give presentations on the Navy Diver program, conduct the physical training screening tests, and assist interested people with their applications. People who enter the Navy in the nuclear, advanced electronics or other five or six-year enlistment programs are not eligible for the Navy Diver program. Navy Diver training is physically and mentally demanding, but the individual who accepts the challenges is rewarded with extra pay for diving, plus extraordinary duty assignments.

WHAT THEY DO

- Perform underwater maintenance, including propeller changes and hull repair, on ships and submarines;
- Use diving equipment including scuba, and state-of-the-art surface-supplied diving equipment and systems;
- Maintain and repair diving equipment and systems;
- Participate in research and development of new diving techniques/procedures;
- Underwater search and salvage operations;
- Act as Hyperbaric Chamber Operators, Inside Tenders and Supervisors.



CAREER PATH AFTER RECRUIT TRAINING

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of diving through formal Navy schooling and on-the-job training. After "A" school Navy Diver candidates attend Second Class Diver Training at Panama City, FL. Advanced First Class Diver, Saturation Diver and Master Diver training are available during career progression stages.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Diver Prep COI	NTC Great Lakes	7 weeks	Basic Electrical and Engineering COI, Water adaptability and Physical fitness	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
ND "A" School	Panama City, FL	15 weeks	Air and Mixed Gas diving skills, underwater cutting and welding; demolition, Recompression Chamber operations, underwater hydraulic tools and other underwater tasks associated with ship's maintenance, repair and salvage	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction

After completion of Second Class Diver training, graduates are assigned to salvage or repair ships, Mobile Diving and Salvage Units, aviation water survival training, or to EOD/SEAL support. After two tours, Second Class Divers are eligible for First Class Diver training which leads to assignments in a variety of jobs requiring advanced knowledge of diving systems. During a 20-year period, divers spend 50 percent of their time assigned to fleet units and 50 percent to shore stations. Advanced training opportunities complement a variety of interesting duty.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT



The motto of the Navy Diver community is "We dive the world over." Because divers may be assigned in any part of the world, their environment will vary as widely as water conditions: cold, muddy water where underwater tasks can be completed by feel only, or warm, tropical waters clear enough to perform underwater photography.

OPPORTUNITIES



In the Navy Diver Rate, the ND will not only work to fix Naval Warships and support craft, but will have the opportunity to learn and dive cutting edge equipment in support of SO and EOD ratings. Currently advancement opportunities are at an all time high and the future outlook is very good for growth as well. These factors, along with a great opportunity for travel, make any decision to leave the Navy a very difficult one.

QUALIFICATIONS & INTERESTS



Personnel who volunteer for Navy Diver must be in excellent physical condition. Comfort in the water beyond good swimming ability and no aversion to confinement in close spaces is a must. The ability to perform detailed mechanical tasks under stress and/or adverse conditions is important. Helpful attributes are a good memory, resourcefulness, and administrative capabilities. Navy Diver candidates must be U.S. citizens eligible for security clearance.



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MANAGE A NAVY CAREER WITH NAVY LADR

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

ND https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/nd_e3_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:

ND https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/nd_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 Full Time Support (FTS) 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.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/navyRates.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**:

ND <https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/nd.htm>



EMPOWER YOUR CAREER PLANNING, DECISION MAKING, AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

MilGears is an online, self-assessment tool that guides users through a series of questions and selections regarding their military training, duty assignments, off-duty education, credentialing, and in-Service and post-Service goals. The resultant output of the tool provides users a personalized assessment of what civilian credentials and career pathways that may be immediately attainable and nearly attainable, how to fill any gaps, and next steps to accomplish their civilian credentialing and career pathways programs goals. The tool also shows users "best-fit" post-Service occupations and resources to explore those post-Service occupations.

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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