



## SH-Ship's Serviceman

**Ships' Serviceman** are responsible for managing and operating all shipboard retail and service activities. These include the ship's store, vending machines, video games, barber shops, laundry and tailor shops. They play a large role in the morale of the ship.

### What They Do

- managing and operating retail and service activities afloat;
- procuring and receiving ship's store stock;
- maintaining financial records and accounting systems;
- maintaining inventory and procurement databases;
- managing and operating ship's barber shops;
- serving as cash collections agents;
- operating and maintaining vending and cash collection machines;
- managing and operating ship's laundry and tailor shops

### Working Environment

SHs work in diverse environments including offices, ship's stores, barber shops, and laundry plants. The work is physical, but the wide range of jobs allows people to learn valuable retailing, marketing and shop management skills.

### Opportunities

Over 2,400 men and women work in the SH rating. Placement and advancement opportunities are good for qualified applicants..

### Qualifications and Interests

Ship's servicemen must be personable and enjoy working with people in a customer service environment. Good arithmetic and verbal skills, the ability to handle money and to perform detailed work are also requirements for this rating.

### 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 office machines and general clerical procedures. To see the college credits available via a **Joint Service Transcript** for this rating:

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[https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/ls\\_jst.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/ls_jst.pdf)

### **Career Path After Recruit Training**

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of this rating through on-the-job training or formal Navy schooling. Advanced technical and operational training is available in this rating during later stages of career development.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Class "A" Technical School	Meridian, MS	5 weeks	Cash Handling, Retail Operations, Laundry Operations	Group instruction and practical applications

After "A" school, Ship's Servicemen are assigned to ships or shore stations in the United States or overseas. During a 20-year career in the Navy, SHs spend approximately 60 percent of their time assigned to fleet units and 40 percent to shore stations.



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### Earn Department of Labor (DOL) Nationally Recognized Apprenticeships



USMAP

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 LS apprenticeships.

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<https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/navyRates.htm>

### Earn Industry Recognized Credentials



Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (Navy COOL) 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. Visit the Navy COOL website to view these opportunities. See the link below.

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

### Manage a Navy Career with Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap)



To see the Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap) for this rating:

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[https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/sh\\_e1\\_e9.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/sh_e1_e9.pdf)

### 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. To see Related Civilian, Federal, and Military Sealift Command Occupations for this rating, see the link below.

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