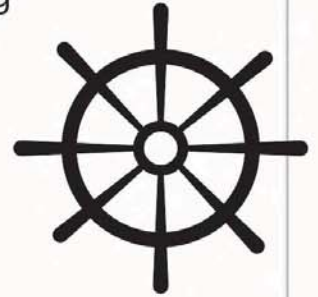




# NAVY SAILOR

## JOB DESCRIPTION

In the air, on land, and at sea, Navy sailors are an essential part of the armed forces. They engage in combat, provide warfare support, and keep waterways safe and open while deterring sea piracy and drug trafficking. Their job is to maintain freedom of seas and waterways. Sailors also provide humanitarian assistance as well as disaster relief nationally and abroad.



### SALARY

Seaman ★★★★★

Chief of Navy Operations ★★★★★

### INDUSTRY PROFILE

Higher test scores required for new enlistees than other branches of the military • Opportunities vary depending on the economy and any recent conflicts

## AT A GLANCE



**YOUR INTERESTS** Boats • Swimming • Technology • Science • Engineering • Oceanography • Meteorology • Aviation • Serving your country



**ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS** Age, education, and residency requirements must be met in order to join the military. Physical and written exams are required.



**LIFESTYLE** The job requires long periods of time spent at sea far from home and exposure to a variety of work environments.



**LOCATION** Sailors will spend time serving on a base and at sea aboard surface ships or submarines at the far corners of the world.



**THE REALITIES** Schedules for sailors are very regimented. Working aboard a submarine can be isolating. Secretive work is not for everyone.

## CAREER PATHS

Experience earned in the Navy can lead to qualifications in specialized fields, from flying to weapons maintenance, logistics, and engineering. Once your period of service is over, these qualifications can be used in a civilian career.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

You must have a high school diploma or a GED with 15 or more college credits to enlist as a sailor in the US Navy. No additional schooling is needed for many of the jobs open to sailors.



### COLLEGE GRADUATE

You will need a degree to train as a naval officer in a specialized area, such as logistics, medicine, engineering, or flying.



## SKILLS GUIDE



The ability to work as an effective member of a large, diverse crew on complex missions.



The skill to adapt to various work environments around the globe, on sea and on land.



Good organizational and communication skills for ensuring successful missions.



Determination to face challenges and solve problems, especially in the face of danger.



High levels of strength, fitness, and agility to work in all conditions for extended periods of time.

## RELATED CAREERS

- ▶ **MOTOR VEHICLE TECHNICIAN** *see pp. 184–185*
- ▶ **TELECOM ENGINEER** *see pp. 188–189*
- ▶ **SHIP'S CAPTAIN** *see pp. 220–221*
- ▶ **COAST GUARDSMAN** *see pp. 238–239*
- ▶ **OCEANOGRAPHER** Studies the physical and biological aspects of the ocean. There are several different kinds of oceanographers, including those who study the plants and animals of the ocean. Some study the water while others explore the ocean floor or the physical processes within the ocean such as currents and tides.



**NAVAL AVIATOR** Flies sophisticated aircraft and helicopters. Participates in missions that include collecting intelligence and combat operations.



**NAVY SEAL** Conducts raids and extractions of hostages, most-wanted enemies and terrorists, and sneaks behind enemy lines to collect information and intelligence.



**SUBMARINE OFFICER** Drives, arms, and operates nuclear-powered submarines. Maintains weapons systems and operates communication and intelligence equipment onboard.



**AVIATION RESCUE SWIMMER** Uses search-and-rescue and swimming skills to jump from helicopters into the water to save downed pilots, stranded boaters, and hikers on land.



**SONAR TECHNICIAN** Conducts underwater surveillance, collects scientific data, and tracks enemy targets using sonar and oceanographic equipment and the latest underwater technologies.



**SAILOR** As an enlistee, you attend Recruit Training Command (RTC), or bootcamp, for both classroom and field training. After graduating, you can train further for specific careers.



**MEDICAL OFFICER** Provides medical care for servicemembers and their families and assists in humanitarian relief efforts.