

Navy Diver (ND)

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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.

Qualifications and 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

| Career Path After Recruit Training | | | | |
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| 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, Fla. 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 | 6 weeks | Basic Electrical and Engineering COI, Water adaptability and Physical fitness | Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction |
| ND "A" School | Panama City, Fla. | 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 Diver are eligible for First Class Diver training which leads to assignment 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. | | | | |

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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

About 1241 men and women work in the ND rating. Qualified and self-motivated people have a good opportunity for entry into this rating. Responsibility at an earlier age.

Career Outlook

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.

The following civilian occupations are similar to the ND - Second Class Diver job. For more information about these occupations, click on the civilian equivalent below.

Commercial Divers
Electronics Engineering Technicians
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
Welders, Cutters, and Welder Fitters

College degree program:
 AA Oceanography Technology
 AS in General Studies
 BS in Business Studies
 College credits for 2nd Class DV School:
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