

Naval Special Warfare

Combatant-Craft Crewman (SWCC)

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The Naval Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman (SWCC) program has evolved from the PT boats of WWII and the "Brown Water Navy" of Viet Nam. They are specially trained to conduct and support Special Operations missions and work primarily with Naval Special Warfare Sea, Air, and Land Teams (SEAL). Candidates may also volunteer for SWCC during basic training at Recruit Training Center, or at any time during their enlistment prior to their 31st birthday. In-service recruiters (Motivators) RTC & Fleet give presentation on the Navy's SWCC program, conduct the physical training screening tests, and assist interested men with their applications. In-Service recruiters are located at NAB Coronado, CA & NAB Little Creek, VA. Call 1-800-USN-SEAL or go to www.swcc.navy.mil to contact. People who enter the Navy in the nuclear, advanced electronics or other five or six-year enlistment programs are not eligible for the SWCC program. SWCC training is physically and mentally demanding, but the individual who accepts the challenges is rewarded with advanced training and extraordinary duty assignments.

Career Path After Recruit Training				
Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of Special Warfare Combatant-Craft operation through SB "A" school and on the job training. After Recruit Training, SWCC candidates attend SB "A" at Coronado, CA.				
School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewman (SWCC) Indoctrination	Coronado, Ca.	2 weeks	Physical and psychological preparation for Basic SWCC Training (BCT)	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Basic Crewmember Training (BCT)	Coronado, Ca.	5 weeks	Train, develops and assesses physical conditioning, water competency, basic seamanship, boat handling, teamwork and metal tenacity	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Crewman Qualification Training (CQT)	Coronado, Ca.	15 weeks	Trains BCT graduates in advanced Naval Special Warfare core tactical knowledge and skills	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction

After completion of Basic SWCC training, graduates are assigned to Special Boat Teams at Little Creek, VA., Stennis, MS., or Coronado, CA. SWCC spend 70 percent of their time assigned to operational Special Boat Teams capable to deploy worldwide and 30 percent assigned to shores stations. Advanced training opportunities include advanced weapons, instructor training, foreign language, engine and boat repair, and parachuting.

SWCC Challenge information is available in COMNAVCRUITCOMINST 1130.8G VOL 1 CHAPTER 4 SECTION 4.

What They Do

- Collect information about enemy military installations and shipping traffic in coastal or riverine areas;
- Conduct direct action raids against enemy shipping and waterborne traffic;
- Operate independently in small units to accomplish operational tasks;
- Operate and maintain weapon systems, communications, electronics, small boats, and other equipment associated with SWCC missions.
- SWCC Medics (Special Operations Combat Medics), provide combat trauma medical support during all operations, while also serving as SWCCs.

Qualifications and Interests

SWCC Challenge candidates should be motivated, self-assured and self-confident, willing to follow orders and able to work under stressful and hazardous conditions. They should be in excellent physical

conditions and motivated to withstand the rigorous physiological demands imposed by the maritime environment. The ability to swim and withstand fatigue is a major factor in successful completion of the Basic SWCC training. Other necessary characteristics needed are good study habits and learning skills, knowledge of arithmetic and basic algebra, mechanical skills and manual dexterity. SWCC candidates must be U.S. citizens eligible for security clearance. Normal color perception is required.

Working Environment

SWCC perform Special Operations missions from fixed wing aircraft, helicopters, ships and high speed small boats. They may be exposed to arctic, desert or jungle environments including survival in enemy controlled areas. They may also perform administrative and foreign training missions in a wide variety of climates throughout the world.

Since Navy programs and courses are revised at times, the information contained on this card is subject to change.

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