Navy
Reserve Officer Training Corps
NAVAL RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (NROTC)

Mission

The Naval ROTC Program was established to develop midshipmen mentally, morally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, and loyalty, and with the core values of honor, courage and commitment in order to commission college graduates as naval officers who possess a basic professional background, are motivated toward careers in the naval service, and have a potential for future development in mind and character so as to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants should use the online scholarship application to complete and submit all the required information.

Applicants are asked to pick five colleges or universities on their scholarship application. Each school must be for a different NROTC unit and one must be a state school, not necessarily in the candidate’s home state.

Each applicant must also select an academic program in which he/she wishes to major. All academic programs fall into three tiers relative to the Navy’s technical needs.

Scholarships will be awarded to an NROTC unit in conjunction with the academic major and tier the applicant specified on his/her application. If offered the scholarship, the student will be expected to attend the school at which their scholarship is placed. In order to change this placement, the student must submit in writing to the NROTC Placement Office a request to change their placement. The student must be mindful if they choose a cross-town school that there may be cross-town commuting costs and class timing issues which will need to be resolved. The enrolled school must support the academic major or equivalent for which the scholarship was awarded. Also, the student must have applied for admission to and been accepted at any school for which he/she wishes to utilize the scholarship.
An example may help clarify this:

Applicant has selected the Navy Option at the beginning of her application. She selects the George Washington University NROTC unit and cross-town affiliate Howard University as her first choice on the scholarship application. She selects her other four choices. She selects Astrophysics (a Tier 2 major) as her intended degree program. If she is selected for a scholarship at the George Washington University NROTC Unit- specifically Howard University, she may utilize it at Howard University. If she wishes to change the location of the scholarship to George Washington University, Georgetown University, or University of Maryland at College Park (cross-town affiliates to the NROTC unit). She must have applied for admission and been accepted at the school in order to enroll, as well as be approved for the scholarship to be moved to another school within the host unit. She must declare Astrophysics as her degree program or she may choose another Tier 1 or Tier 2 major.

This application is extensive and may require several hours to complete. The Navy has provided an Application Information Checklist to assist you in gathering information and to ease the process of applying for a scholarship along with the online application at http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/apply.aspx.

What Happens Next?

After the applicant has completed and submitted his/her application online, that is only the beginning of the journey. The recruiter/coordinator will be arranging for one or more officer interviews, teacher recommendations, gathering transcripts, and ensuring that test scores are received from the testing agencies. After the application is finalized it will be presented to a Selection Board, a panel of officers, who will make the final decision whether a scholarship will be awarded. If an applicant is awarded a scholarship, the NROTC program staff will make the final determination about which NROTC unit will be assigned. The applicant will also undergo a medical screening by the Department of Defense prior to enrolling in the program.

Applicants may log back in to the web site to check on the progress and status of the application process.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

You may start the process of applying during the second semester of your junior year of high school. Students may apply for only one of the three scholarship program options-Navy, Nurse or Marine Corps. Before the application can be finalized and forwarded for selection consideration, you must ensure that a copy of your complete transcript, including your entire junior year, is forwarded to your recruiter.
Students with 30 or more semester hours or 45 or more quarter hours of college credit upon application or students already enrolled in NROTC College Program are not eligible for four-year NROTC Scholarships; these students should see professors of Naval Science at a host university's NROTC unit to discuss other scholarship opportunities.

Active duty Navy applicants are ineligible to apply for NROTC. Active members of other branches of the military may apply if granted a conditional release. Individuals who are scheduled for boot camp may apply provided they complete all required application evolutions (i.e. strong interest inventory, officer interview, etc.). NSTC will accept teacher evaluations, transcripts, and ACT/SAT scores dated after the applicants ship date.

Scholarship applications for the 2011 scholarship year must be submitted by January 31st.

NAVY

The Navy is preparing our officer corps of the future to meet the dynamic challenges in the next generation of technology and leadership. In structuring our academic programs to meet these challenges, undergraduate academic majors for NROTC Navy option midshipmen are divided into three categories or tiers: Tier 1 - engineering programs of Navy interest, Tier 2 - other engineering, math and science programs, Tier 3 - Foreign language and remaining academic programs. In order to keep pace in this high tech and diverse environment, approximately 85% of Navy Option NROTC scholarships offers will be awarded to students interested in completing a Tier 1 or Tier 2 academic major. The NROTC scholarship provides full tuition and fees at 159 of our nation's most elite and prestigious colleges and universities.

**Tier 1 Academic Majors**
- Aerospace, Aeronautical, Astronautical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Naval Architecture & Marine/Naval Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Ocean Engineering
- Systems Engineering

**Tier 2 Academic Majors**
- Agricultural/Biological Engineering & Bioengineering
- Architectural Engineering/Architectural Engineering Technologies
- General Engineering
- General Science
- Industrial Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering
We realize that some of the academic majors listed above may not match word-for-word the majors offered at each of the more than 150 colleges and universities partnered with NROTC. If you have questions about how a major at a particular school fits into our NROTC academic major tier categories or our language program, please contact the NROTC unit located at that school. Or, you can contact the NROTC scholarship office at pnsn_nrotc.scholarship@navy.mil.

Students interested in pursuing Tier 3 academic majors (all other academic majors not listed in Tier 1 or Tier 2) should examine the opportunities available in the Navy’s Language Skills, Regional Expertise, and Cultural Awareness (LREC) Program. Annually, the Navy will offer this program to 20 - 30 students. Attainment of a specific level of language proficiency is not required by the NROTC LREC program.

Regions/cultural areas and languages available for study are listed below. Selected languages and regional/cultural areas must be related.

**Regional/Cultural Areas**

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**Foreign Languages**

- Arabic
- Cambodian
- Central Asian Lang.
- Chinese
- Dari
- Farsi
- French
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Kurdish
- Malay
- Pashto
- Persian
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Serbo-Croatian
- Somali
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Tagalog
- Thai
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

The Navy will activate scholarships upon the satisfactory development of a degree plan with the host NROTC unit and university and upon enrollment in the assigned academic major. NROTC midshipmen may lose their scholarship if they request a change from Tier 1 or Tier 2 major to a Tier 3 major. Similarly, Tier 3 LREC majors may lose their scholarship if they depart their course of study prior to graduation.

Academic majors listed in each Tier may vary year to year dependent on the Navy's requirements, however once accepted into an academic major and Tier, a student's Tier status will not change.

A student may request a modification from their original academic major. Changing from a Tier 1, Tier 2, or LREC major requires approval from a formal panel and will be based on the needs of the Navy.

Apply for and gain admission to NROTC colleges (not required during selection process, but notification of admission must be received before scholarship can be activated)

Qualifying scores on Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT)

**SAT/ACT Math and English / Critical Reading** scores can be from two different tests; applicants can combine best Math w/ best English / Critical Reading scores to achieve qualifying scores. (Navy and Nurse Option only)

**SAT:** 530 Critical Reading; 520 math  
**ACT:** 22 English 21 Math

If applicant is in the top 10% of his/her high school graduating class, the SAT/ACT test scores can be below the above stated minimum. (Navy and Nurse Option only).

If these academic criteria cannot be met, other opportunities exist for an NROTC scholarship -- please contact your local Navy Recruiter or NROTC Unit.

Valid Test Dates for the 2011 Scholarship Year are December 2008 through December 2010.
NURSE

Apply for and gain admission to NROTC colleges offering the nursing academic program (not required during selection process, but notification of admission must be received before scholarship can be activated)

Qualifying scores on Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT)

SAT/ACT Math and English / Critical Reading scores can be from two different tests; applicants can combine best Math w/ best English / Critical Reading scores to achieve qualifying scores. (Nurse and Navy Option only)

SAT: 530 Critical Reading; 520 math
ACT: 22 English 21 Math

If applicant is in the top 10% of his/her high school graduating class, the SAT/ACT test scores can be below the above stated minimum. (Nurse and Navy Option only). If these academic criteria cannot be met, other opportunities exist for an NROTC scholarship -- please contact your local Navy Recruiter or NROTC Unit.

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MARINE CORPS

General eligibility requirements for the program are as follows:

- Be a U. S. citizen.
- Be 17 years of age by September 1st of the year starting college and less than 23 years of age on June 30th of that year. Applicants must not have reached their 27th birthday by June 30th of the year in which college graduation and commissioning are anticipated. Applicants who have prior active duty military service may be eligible for age adjustments for the amount of time equal to their prior service, on a month-for-month basis, for a maximum of 36 months, provided they do not reach their 30th birthday by June 30th of the year in which graduation and commissioning are anticipated.
- Be a high school graduate or possess an equivalency certificate (GED) by August 1st of the same year of anticipated entrance into the four-year NROTC Scholarship Program.
• Be physically qualified by Marine Corps standards.
• Have no moral obligations or personal convictions that will prevent conscientious bearing of arms, and supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign, or domestic.
• Have no criminal record of military or civilian offenses.
• Apply for and gain admission to an approved NROTC college or university. Admission to an NROTC institution is not required during the selection process; however, notification of admission must be received before the scholarship can be activated.
• Achieve a qualifying score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT), or the American College Test (ACT). The SAT math and critical reading scores must be from the same and most recent test. Applicants cannot combine their best math and critical reading scores from the SAT to achieve the qualifying score for application. (Marine Corps Option only).

SAT: 1000 Combination of Math and Critical Reading Only
ACT minimum combined score of 22 on the Math and English portions of the test
Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT): 74

• Students w/ more than 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of college credit upon application or students already enrolled in NROTC College Program are not eligible for four-year NROTC Scholarships; these students should see professors of naval science at host university's NROTC unit to discuss other scholarship opportunities

If these academic criteria cannot be met, other opportunities exist for an NROTC scholarship -- please contact your local Marine Recruiter or NROTC Unit.
CAREER OPTIONS

All NROTC students select one of four options to jumpstart their career:

The Navy Option leads to post-graduation commissioning as a US Navy ensign in one of the various Navy warfare communities – surface, submarine, aviation, special warfare, etc.

The Marine Corps Option leads to post-graduation commissioning as a second lieutenant in the US Marine Corps.

The Nurse Option leads to post-graduation commissioning in the US Navy as an ensign in the Navy Nursing Corps, part of the Department of the Navy Bureau of Medicine.

SURFACE WARFARE

Surface Warfare is the "traditional" community within the Navy that employs surface ships for the missions of forward naval presence, sea control, and projection of power ashore. Surface Warfare Officers (or SWOs, pronounced "swohs") are the men and women who, as junior officers just out of college, lead the sailors within the many specialized divisions of a ship's crew. Surface Warfare Officers are Navy officers whose training and primary duties focus on the operation of Navy ships at sea and the management of various shipboard systems. Their ultimate goal is to command a Navy surface ship.

Where are SWOs Stationed?

From Norfolk, Virginia, to Yokosuka, Japan, the Navy has many homeports for its surface fleet. Should you become a SWO, the goal is to give you as much choice as possible as to where you will be stationed and what kind of ship (ship type and class) you will serve in. The surface fleet consists of many different types of ships, each contributing in their own unique ways to the success of the Navy's mission as a whole. The abbreviation(s) for each "ship type" is in parentheses.

- **Cruisers** (CG) protect the fleet from airborne threats by using their advanced AEGIS radars and anti-air missile systems, and also have the capability of striking targets ashore.
with their deck guns and long-range Tomahawk cruise missiles.

- **Destroyers (DDG)** - protect the fleet from surface and submarine threats; many also have AEGIS, as well as the capability to use their deck guns and Tomahawk cruise missiles to strike targets ashore.

- **Frigates (FFG)** - small, tough convoy escort ships that provide anti-air and anti-submarine protection.

- **Aircraft Carriers (CVN)** - home to over seventy aircraft, ranging from F/A-18 strike fighters, to EA-6B radar-jammers, and E-2C early-warning/command and control aircraft.

- **Amphibious Ships (LHA/LHD/LPD/LSD)** - carry up to 2,000 Marines, and their equipment, vehicles, and supplies. The Amphibious Assault subtype, or LHA's and LHD's, double as small aircraft carriers that are home to various kinds of helicopters and the Harrier vertical take-off and landing jet fighter. The LHA's, LHD's, and LSD's all carry modern, high-speed Landing Craft, Air-Cushion (LCAC) to ferry Marines and their gear ashore.

- **Minesweepers (MCM)** - detect and clear naval mines from areas in which other ships soon will be operating.

- **Patrol Craft (PC)** - small, speedy ships that patrol coastlines as well as insert and support SEAL special operations forces ashore.

- **Littoral Combat Ship (LCS)** - The Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) is designed to defeat growing littoral threats and provide access and dominance in the coastal water battlespace. A fast, maneuverable and networked surface combatant, LCS provides the required warfighting capabilities and operational flexibility to execute focused missions close to the shore such as mine warfare, anti-submarine warfare and surface warfare.

**What Will Be My Role as a SWO?**

As a junior SWO, you will lead a division of sailors aboard one of the above listed types of ships. A "division" is made up of work centers responsible for a certain component of your ship, such as specific electronics, weapons, or engineering system. Immediately after graduating from college in the NROTC Program, you will report to your first ship as a Division Officer. Division Officer tours are 42 month "split tours" designed to provide individuals as much diversity as is possible in their background and experiences. The first tour will be 24 months. The most important milestones of this initial sea tour are completing the Officer of the Deck (Fleet) and Surface Warfare Officer qualifications. These qualifications are designed to be completed within the first 12 to 18 months. After learning the basics of shipboard life and attaining your Officer of the Deck qualification, you will complete a month-long training course at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command (SWOSCOLOM) Newport, Rhode Island. You will be assigned a "wardroom" of other junior officers from diverse ship and billet assignments. By participating in
seminars, exercises, and simulators you will learn from each other's experiences and broaden your Surface Warfare knowledge. Upon returning to your ship, you will be ready to complete your SWO qualifications and earn your Surface Warfare Officer Pin. During the initial sea tour, officers may be assigned to multiple departments to provide a diversified background and facilitate Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) and Engineering Officer of the Watch (EOOW) qualification. Development of seamanship, war fighting skills, and effective leadership are key elements in this first tour. The second Division Officer tour lasts 18 months. It will always be in a department different from the initial tour. During the second tour, Division Officers are expected to complete Engineering Officer of the Watch qualification (if not already completed) and many will make significant progress towards qualifying as Tactical Action Officer.

Assignments

Is life as a SWO only about life at sea? No. SWOs do "shore tours", usually lasting no more than two years. These are completed between sea tours, and are designed to give the officer experiences and educational opportunities vital to furthering a career as a SWO. For example, after your division officer tours you might have a staff job at the Pentagon or another Navy shore command in a fleet concentration area such as Norfolk or San Diego. You might serve as an instructor at SWOS, fleet tactical schools, the Naval Academy, or a NROTC unit. You may be assigned to the Naval Postgraduate School, where your "job" will be as a full-time student earning a masters degree. If you performed well at sea as a Division Officer, and continue to perform well ashore, you can expect to be promoted in your following sea tours and lead a department. Those selected as "Department Head" will go back to SWOS and complete the Department Head and Tactical Action Officer courses before heading to a ship as Chief Engineer, Operations Officer, or Combat Systems Officer. In this capacity, you will lead all of the divisions that fall under these particular categories. You will normally serve two 18-month department Head tours, to get a broad range of experience. Your goal during these tours is to earn your Tactical Action Officer qualification. Later, after another shore tour on a command staff, at a war college, or at a military or civilian postgraduate school, those who performed well at sea as Department Head will be selected for command. The Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) community has modified its career path to better support command stability, joint tours with the other services and the global war on terrorism (GWOT). Borrowing a page from naval aviation, SWOs are implementing a single, combined executive officer/commanding officer (XO/CO) command tour. That is, a SWO will now be selected for command, report to the ship as the executive officer, and then "fleet up" to commanding officer. An officer can expect to spend 18 months in each "tour" (in other words, a three year combined command tour).
Naval Aviation is renowned for the demands it places upon its flyers. The skills and concentration required to land a high-performance jet on board an aircraft carrier deck pitching in the black of night, or to track a submarine while flying at only a few feet above stormy seas, are not only linked to a solid academic background or to top physical conditioning. There is more to it than that; it requires a combination of talents and dedication that many people possess, but few are challenged to use to full measure.

How do you get selected to be a Naval Aviator?

Graduates of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) are selected for flight training during their final year of school. All are volunteers.

What to expect for training as a Naval Aviator?

Student Naval Aviator’s (SNA’s) arrive at Naval Air Station Pensacola to begin their flight training. They spend about six weeks in Aviation Preflight Indocriation where they are challenged both academically and physically. Classes include: engineering, aerodynamics, air navigation, aviation physiology and water survival.

Upon completion of API, SNA’s (also known as student pilots) are assigned to primary training squadrons. Primary SNA training is conducted at three bases: NAS Whiting Field, Milton, Florida, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas and Vance Air Force Base (AFB), Enid, Oklahoma. For the SNAs reporting to the Navy bases, primary training is approximately 22 weeks. It includes ground-based academics, simulators and flight training in either the T-34 Turbomentor or the T-6A Texan II. Primary training consists of six stages: Familiarization (FAM), Basic Instruments, Precision Aerobatics, Formation, Night FAM, and Radio Instruments.

Pipeline selections occur upon completion of primary training. This is based on the current and projected needs of the services, the student’s performance and preferences. Student naval aviators are selected for: Maritime (multi-engine prop), E-2/C-2, Rotary (helos) or Strike (jets).
Maritime students complete their advanced training at NAS Corpus Christi and upon receiving their Wings of Gold, Navy pilots report to the P-3 Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) while Marine pilots report to the C-130 FRS.

E-2/C-2 student training consist of multi-engine training as well as carrier landing qualification training. After primary training, students report to VT-31 at NAS Corpus Christi to complete 44 hours of flight training in approximately 17 weeks in the T-44. After intermediate training, E-2/C-2 students report to NAS Kingsville for advanced training in the T-45. Students earn their wings in approximately 27 weeks after receiving their carrier landing qualification.

Student pilots selected for helicopter training report to NAS Whiting Field and complete advanced training in the TH-57 Sea Ranger. Students learn the unique characteristics and tactics of rotary-wing aviation. They are also introduced to shipboard landing on the Helicopter Landing Trainer; the Navy’s only ship dedicated to teaching helicopter pilots how to land onboard a moving vessel. Once they receive their Wings of Gold, Navy helicopter pilots report to their respective FRS for SH-60 or MH-53 training. Marine helicopter pilots report to an AH-1, UH-1, CH-46 or H-53 FRS for training. MV-22 (Osprey) training is currently being conducted utilizing both the helicopter and maritime pipelines.

SNAs who enter the Strike (Jet) pipeline complete their training at either NAS Kingsville, Texas or at NAS Meridian, Mississippi in the T-45C. During Strike training, pilots learn strike tactics, weapons delivery, air combat maneuvering and receive their carrier landing qualification. Upon receiving their Wings of Gold, Strike pilots report to an F/A-18 or EA-6B FRS, and eventually report to their first Fleet squadron.

NAVAL FLIGHT OFFICER

Naval Flight Officers (NFO’s) are the men and women who operate the advance systems onboard naval aircraft, and some may also act as the overall tactical coordinators of multiple air assets during a mission. They differ from Naval Aviators in that they do not pilot the aircraft in which they serve. This division of labor between Aviators and NFO’s allows for each to concentrate more closely on mission tasks that require specific occupational training. NFO’s are integral members of the Naval Aviation community and are just as competitive as Naval Aviators for command of aircraft squadrons, air wings, and even aircraft carriers.

How do you get selected to be a Naval Flight Officer?

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What to expect for training as a Naval Flight Officer?

Student Naval Flight Officers (SNFO's) arrive at Naval Air Station Pensacola to begin their flight training. They spend about six weeks in Aviation Preflight Indoctrination where they are challenged both academically and physically. Classes include: engineering, aerodynamics, air navigation, aviation physiology and water survival.

Upon completion of API, all SNFO’s report to either VT-4 or VT-10 located at Sherman Field aboard NAS Pensacola for Primary NFO/Navigator training. Here they will spend the next 15 weeks in academic, simulator and flight training using the T-6 II Texan. This portion of training is similar to the student pilot syllabus for learning the basics of flight, the landing pattern, navigation and aerobatics.

Pipeline and aircraft selections are made at various phases of training. SNFO’s selected after primary for the maritime mission will transfer to NAS Jacksonville, Florida for follow-on training in the P-3 Orion or the EP-3 Aries. A few SNFO’s will be selected for follow-on E-6 (Strategic Communications) training at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. SNFO's selected for the tactical jet syllabus will remain in their respective squadron for intermediate training. This consists of more time in the T-6 II Texan aircraft as well as further training in the T-1 Jayhawk. Upon completion of the Intermediate phase of training, SNFO’s either select the E-2C Hawkeye with follow-on training in Norfolk, Virginia or continue their training with VT-86 in Pensacola.

In the advanced training syllabus at VT-86, SNFO’s fly the T-39 Sabreliner and the T-45 Goshawk. Students will either proceed down the Strike pipeline ultimately receiving their Wings of Gold as Electronic Countermeasures Officers (ECMO) for the EA-6B Prowler or proceed down the Strike/Fighter pipeline for selection as Weapons Systems Officers for the F/A-18F Super Hornet.
The Navy’s oldest warfare community is submarines. The pin was established in 1923 and authorized in 1924. Aviation wings were authorized in the late 20’s and Surface Warfare pins in the early 70’s.

How do you become a Submarine Warfare Officer?

Midshipmen who select Submarine Warfare can look forward to a challenging career as a member of an elite, technically advanced, multi-mission community. Newly commissioned Ensigns will find themselves serving on board the most capable submarines in the world today.

Upon commissioning every Ensign selected for Submarine Warfare will attend one year of advanced nuclear power training, starting with six months of classroom training at Nuclear Power School (NPS) in Charleston, S.C. After NPS, you will have six months of practical, hands-on training at one of the Navy’s two shore-based reactor training facilities (Nuclear Power Training Units - NPTU) in upstate New York or Charleston, South Carolina.

Upon completion of Nuclear Power School and NPTU, you will be assigned to a submarine. Prior to reporting to your first submarine, you will attend a 12-week Submarine Officer Basic Course in New London, Connecticut. This period of instruction will provide you an opportunity to learn the theory and principles of submarine operation and control, the basic administrative responsibilities of a division officer, the theory of the submerged fire control problem and weapons systems, and the basic fundamentals of submarine operations and tactics.

Upon arriving at your first submarine, you will be assigned as a division officer. In addition to managing a group of highly trained enlisted submariners you will begin your own personal submarine qualification program. The culmination of your qualification is the awarding of the coveted Gold Dolphins and your designation as "Qualified in Submarines". This is the first of many rewarding career milestones, which await you in the Silent Service.

What is the history of the Submarine Community?

The Submarine community is full of history and tradition as well as a strong commitment to the defense of the country and the support of its commitments.
around the world. The United States Submarine Force, an acknowledged symbol of military excellence, is poised to enter its second century of undersea dominance with the most highly trained people and advanced platforms in its history. Nuclear submarines, the product of American ingenuity and technological prowess, are a unique asset whose unprecedented contribution to deterrence, conflict prevention and warfighting will continue to be at the very foundation of our nation's security.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer

The newly commissioned officer from the NROTC program will complete the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)/Diver course at Naval Diving and Salvage Center, Panama City, FL and progress directly to EOD training at Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal (NAVSCOLEOD), Eglin AFB. Graduates will then be assigned as Division Officers at EOD Mobile Units where they will be immersed in the community's core warfighting competencies of EOD, Anti terrorism/ Force Protection (AT/FP), Expeditionary Diving and Salvage and Underwater Mine Countermeasures. During this initial tour, officers will complete a rigorous qualification process involving a variety of Personnel Qualification Standards and advanced EOD, diving and mobility training requirements before earning warfare qualification. Officers who successfully meet warfare qualification standards will be redesignated 1140 and become eligible for assignment as Officer In Charge (OIC) of EOD Mobile Detachments. Post-Mobile Det OIC assignments include Operations officers at EOD Mobile Units and Mobile Dive and Salvage Units, EOD shore Det OICs, Carrier Support Group staffs, Expeditionary Support Group staffs and Mine Countermeasure squadron staffs. Additionally, officers have opportunity to pursue Graduate Education through a variety of programs at Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, the Naval War College and other service colleges.

EOD Training is a 10-month course that is both physically and mentally demanding. It is a joint-service command consisting of members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force. Oversight and management is the responsibility of the Department of the Navy. The mission is to train officers and enlisted personnel in the best methods of detection, identification, render safe, and disposal of explosive ordnance and related devices. This includes all known foreign ordnance, chemical weapons, biological weapons,
nuclear weapons, clandestine improvised devices and any and all ordnance/devices which may be encountered under water (Navy students only). NAVSCOLEOD is a tenant command at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

SPECIAL WARFARE

Naval Special Warfare (NSW) is the maritime component of the United States Special Operations Command which deploys forces to conduct special operations and activities in support of Combatant Commanders and U.S. National Interests. NSW operational forces are comprised of SEAL Teams, SEAL Delivery Vehicle Teams, and Special Boat Teams specially organized and trained to conduct the full spectrum of special operations in maritime and other extreme environments.

A Career as a SEAL Officer

As a Naval Special Warfare qualified unrestricted line officer, you will lead and command NSW forces at all levels of rank. A SEAL officer becomes an expert at conducting special operations in complex, politically sensitive, and dangerous environments. SEAL officers will be required to fill critical leadership positions, and must epitomize the SEAL Ethos (http://www.sealswcc.com/navy-seals-ethos.aspx). During his career, a SEAL Officer typically deploys at least once per pay grade and is likely to be stationed overseas at least once.

What training is required to become a SEAL Officer?

Qualification as a SEAL officer requires completion of the 3-week Basic Orientation, 21-week Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training (BUD/S), the 5-week Junior Officer Training Course (JOTC), and the 26-week SEAL Qualification Training (SQT). Then officers complete Jump school, SERE school and language training before joining their teams. Training starts with physical conditioning and being tested for physical and mental toughness in Hell Week, followed by training in open and closed-circuit diving, weapons, demolitions, communications, land warfare, small unit leadership, close quarters combat, maritime operations, air operations, static-line and freefall parachuting, survival, evasion, resistance and escape.

How does a NROTC Midshipman get selected for SEAL training?

Selection for a SEAL officer training quota is highly competitive. NROTC Midshipmen desiring a quota should be committed to preparing themselves for the selection process. The selection process is comprised of taking the SEAL Physical Screening Test (PST), attending a NSW Summer Cruise, submitting an application package and being interviewed by a panel of SEAL officers.
Actions

**MIDN 4/C:** Pursue a challenging and/or technical major. Read a wide array of books on Naval Special Warfare and Special Operations history. Regional expertise, cultural knowledge, strategic languages, and overseas travel experience are highly valued. Seek leadership positions. Participate in collegiate sports. Begin to prepare for the SEAL physical screening test. The leading predictor for success in the training pipeline is an outstanding physical screening test score. Prospective officers need to lead from the front and have strong scores in all events to be competitive.

**MIDN 3/C:** Strive to improve your physical performance. Continue language proficiency. Begin to develop your candidate package. Inform your Chain of Command your intention to be selected for a NSW Summer Cruise quota as MIDN 2/C. Contact and seek mentorship from current and former SEALs. Stay current on US Military and Special Operations news items.

**MIDN 2/C:** Request a SEAL Summer Cruise quota. Attend a U.S. Naval Academy SEAL Challenge weekend if available. Complete and submit the SEAL officer application package. Attend a NSW Summer Cruise which entails a one-week Mini-BUD/S followed by several weeks at a SEAL Team where candidates will be challenged physically, have their performance observed, and interviewed by a panel of SEAL officers for suitability. If unable to attend a NSW Summer Cruise attend one of the SEAL candidate interviews conducted during the summer.

**MIDN 1/C:** Midshipmen will be informed of their selection for Designator 1180 (SEAL officer, Student) and made available to the SEAL Detailer upon graduation. Continue to improve physical capabilities and develop language proficiency.
COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES/NROTC UNITS

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