



Navy Quick Facts¹

Mission

“To maintain, train, and equip combat-ready Naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas.”

Navy missions are conducted on all fronts: in the air, on land, at sea, in theater, or on base. These missions may include:

- Maritime combat
- Peacekeeping
- Humanitarian assistance/disaster relief
- Training missions at sea with foreign navies
- Reconnaissance/intelligence missions to gather enemy data
- At-sea rescues
- Oil spill or other marine cleanups

Background

The Navy is the second largest branch of Service and was founded in 1775. The Navy also plays an essential role in augmenting air power and transporting Marines to areas of conflict.

Organization

The Department of Navy consists of two Services:

- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Marine Corps

The Navy is comprised of an Active and Reserve component, but does not have a National Guard.

Under the Department of the Navy, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Chief of Naval Operations, the Navy consists of two primary components:

- Operating forces (“the fleet”)
 - Provide naval forces and consist of deploying personnel and assets
- Shore establishment
 - Provides support to the operating forces to include repair facilities, communication centers, training areas, intelligence, and meteorological support, storage, medical and dental facilities, and air bases

Values

The Navy’s core values consist of three basic principles:

- Honor
 - Navy Service members are expected to act ethically, honestly, and truthfully with all peers, superiors, and subordinates. By abiding by an uncompromising code of integrity and responsibility, Service members embrace honor.
- Courage
 - Courage is the value that gives Service members the moral and mental strength to do what is right, even in the face of personal or professional adversity in order to loyally serve the nation.
- Commitment
 - The day-to-day duty of every Navy man and woman is to work together as a team to always improve. This dedication to excellence is evidenced through Service members’ manifestations of respect, dignity, positivity, and care.

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¹ For more information, please visit <http://www.navy.mil/>