



SEABEE DIVERS

Seabee Divers were Seabee's that have been trained to be Underwater Construction Technicians. We are looking for Seabees with at least one tour where they have been able to develop their construction skills. During periods of low manning, the program may accept well qualified candidates directly from "A" school.

Want to be part of a proud, hardworking Seabee team that travels the world working on and under the oceans? If so, read on! This site tells you how to apply for this exciting career opportunity available to both male and female Seabees, as well as Hospital Corpsman that want the Diving Medical Technician NEC 8493

Training: Seabees start their training with Underwater Construction Technician Basic School. This physically demanding course is challenging and is located in Panama City, Florida. Basic diving principles and applications are followed up with underwater construction and demolition handling techniques. Successful completion of the course merits award of the NEC 5932. After a few years of solid performance in the UCT's, advanced diver training is available in Panama City, Florida. This course is then followed up with Advanced Underwater Construction Technician School which awards the NEC 5931. After many years of successful performance, a skilled Seabee Chief may apply for the coveted position of Master Diver.

The UCT's have a strong training program. Emphasized topics are: military weapons and tactics, diver refresher, physical fitness, and specialized training to meet the requirements of a particular project. Professional development is also enhanced through various training commands.

Where: Sea duty assignments are with the Underwater Construction Teams (UCT's) located in Little Creek, Virginia, and Port Hueneme, California. These commands send detachments throughout the world and have included Arctic Icecap, Puerto Rico, Latvia, Iceland, Bermuda, Iraq, and numerous other locations throughout the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

How to Apply

Prerequisites: 30 years old or less upon admission to Underwater Construction Technician Basic School.

- E-6 or below in a Seabee or Corpsman rating
- 3.0 or higher performance evaluation average for prior two years and a positive recommendation from their Commanding Officer.

- No NJP within twelve months of application
- Eligible for a secret security clearance
- Minimum ASVAB scores:
 - Mechanical Comprehension: 50
 - AR + (*) = 104
 - (*) For ASVAB 5,6,7 use WK score
 - (*) for ASVAB 8,9,10 use VE score
- 36 months minimum obligated service as of class graduation date from dive school

Screening Tests:

- Medical Exam: Meet the standard of MANMED 15-66, eyesight correctable to 20/20, ability to equalize pressure, meet weight standards. Should be performed by a Diving Medical Officer. If not, the completed medical exam must be reviewed and approved by BUMED (MED-21) Washington, D.C. 20372-5120.
- Physical Fitness: Can be administered by any command PRT coordinator. Must pass the following: Swim 500 yards in less than 14 minutes, followed by a ten minute rest; 42 continuous pushups, followed by a two minute rest; 50 continuous sit-ups, followed by a two minute rest; six continuous pull ups, followed by a ten minute rest; run 1.5 miles in less that 12 minutes and 45 seconds wearing PT gear and running shoes.
- Pressure Test: Completed after a successful medical exam. This test is done in a Navy recompression chamber. Contact the nearest diving unit or UCT to make arrangements.
Interview/Service Record Review: Conducted by a Civil Engineer Diving Officer or UCT Master Diver. Depending on location, this interview may be conducted over the phone.
- Application Submission: Submit Special Duty Request (BUPERS 1306/7) to Bureau of Naval Personnel via your Commanding Officer. Be sure to include the following: (1) SF88 and SF93 (a Diving Officer approved medical exam), and (2) a screening letter indicating a completed pressure test, physical screening test, and interview.
- References:
 - Naval Military Personnel Manual 1410380
 - Enlisted Transfer Manual 9.16
 - Manual of the Medical Department (MANMED P117) Article 15-66

We hope you're up to the Challenge!
Hooyah Deep Sea!

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