

USMC COMBATANT DIVER COURSE Student Information

Commanding Officer's Checklist:



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The Combatant Diver Course

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to qualify Marines, Special Operations Corpsmen, and SOCOM personnel as Marine Combatant Divers in preparation for duty with Marine and SOCOM units. (Graduates will achieve the AMOS of 0324, 0326, or 0307)

Scope: The Marine Combatant Diver Course is designed to train basic and advanced open and closed circuit diving techniques in order to effectively function as a member of a dive team, in support of the operating forces. This course combines lecture, demonstration, practical application, and performance examinations in the following areas: underwater searches, underwater navigation, diving medicine, diving fundamentals, diving physiology, open circuit SCUBA employment, and closed circuit UBA employment. A graduate of this course meets requirements outlined in the Reconnaissance Training and Readiness manual, Joint Special Operations Assessment Team (JSAT NAVSPECWAR Guide), and MCO 3150.4 Marine Corps Diving Policy and Administration.

Premise: Marine and SOCOM missions will be conducted in hostile areas throughout the world. These missions require an undetected landing and withdrawal. Clandestine techniques must be used to achieve mission success.

Background: The U.S. Marine Corps Combatant Diver Course was designed at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center, Panama City, Florida, in conjunction with the Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia. The course provides the best possible combatant diving and tactical swimming training available. The Combatant Diver Course trains a highly confident and capable Combatant Diver and seeks to develop and implement the most current tactics, techniques, procedures, and equipment.

Medical Prerequisite Requirements:

- Review Physical and ensure it has been signed by a DMO (Diving Medical Officer).
- Ensure a Naval Special Warfare, Special Operations; Dive Physical is within 2 years of the course graduating date.
- HIV and PPD must be within 6 months of reporting to the course.
- Documented Pressure TEST or NMPC Waiver indicating that the Command/UNIT was unable to perform the TEST.
- Pressure Test: To include a pressure test to 60 feet with a 10 minute bottom time. (Reference: U.S. NAVY DIVING MANUAL REV. 6; Chapter 21; pages 30-31).
- If waivers are needed, ensure approval action from BUMED and HQ USMC.

Request for medical waivers must be mailed to:

**CHIEF OF BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY (MSF7)
2300 E STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON D.C 20372-5300**

Send approved waiver to the following address:

**PP&O (POG-40)
Navy Annex (Room 4A)
Arlington, VA 20380-1775
COMM: (703) 692-4305/6
FAX: (703) 692-4430**

General Prerequisites: See the downloadable Commander's Screening Checklist.

Waivers to the course prerequisites must be obtained prior to class convening date from:

PP&O (POG-40)

WORK (VoIP): (703)692-4305

FAX: (703)692-4430

DSN: 222-4305

Note: A must-pass Initial Physical Screening Test (PST) is conducted on training day (1). Students who fail any event of the physical fitness test will be considered not physically fit to safely continue with training, and will be returned to their parent commands on this training day. Students must be within height and weight standards in accordance with Marine Corps Order. For PST details see Commander's Screening Checklist.

Special instruction:

- Starting FY-14 Students are required to check-in with the seasonal service uniform and inspections will be conducted.
- Students will be required to wear the appropriate seasonal swim cammies.
- Upcoming schedule for each Marine Course is listed to the left.
- Ensure students report with: Commanding Officer's Checklist, Medical Record, Dental Record, and waivers (as required)
- Required Uniforms and Equipment: See the CO's checklist.
- Billeting / Lodging (students must reserve room at least 30 days prior to check-in)
- Report to the NDSTC Quarter Deck and read the red MCD information board for convening instructions

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites

484 Vernon Ave Panama City, FL 32407

1-877-628-9233 Ext. 726

DSN: 436-2500

Fax: 850-234-4991

http://dodlodging.net/NSA_PANAMACITY.HTM

Course Point of Contacts:

Address questions and comments concerning the U.S. Marine Corps Combatant Diver Course through e-mail or phone to:

Commanding Officer

Attn: USMC Combatant Diver Course

Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center

350 South Crag Road

Panama City, Florida 32407-7016

Phone Numbers:

DSN: 436-7051/5838

Fax: DSN: 436-5253 / MCD DSN: 436-5265

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