



NAVY MEDICINE FAST FACTS

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MISSION

Navy Medicine provides well-trained **PEOPLE**, working as expeditionary medical experts on optimized **PLATFORMS** operating as cohesive teams demonstrating high reliability **PERFORMANCE** to project medical **POWER** in support of Naval Superiority.

ONE NAVY MEDICINE

ACTIVE DUTY + RESERVE

+ SUPPORTING 2 SERVICES +

UNITED STATES NAVY

Hospital Corpsmen:	19,300 AC / 2,340 RC
Medical Corps Officers:	3,150 AC / 330 RC
Nurse Corps Officers:	2,590 AC / 1,000 RC
Dental Corps Officers:	900 AC / 130 RC
Medical Service Corps Officers:	2,320 AC / 190 RC

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Hospital Corpsmen:	5,300 AC / 830 RC
Medical Corps Officers:	430 AC / 120 RC
Nurse Corps Officers:	140 AC / 50 RC
Dental Corps Officers:	240 AC / 60 RC
Medical Service Corps Officers:	330 AC / 60 RC

* Total Force Estimates

+ OPERATING ABOVE, ON, AND BELOW THE SURFACE +

124th ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOSPITAL CORPS

Established 17 June 1898



The **Hospital Corps** became a formal unit of the Navy Medical Department under the provisions of an act of Congress approved **17 June 1898** signed into law by President William McKinley. This act provided for appointment to the warrant rank of pharmacist and established the following ratings: Hospital Steward (E-7), Hospital Apprentice First Class (E-3) and Hospital Apprentice (E-2).

From that date to the present, either generically or by rating title, the Navy's medical Sailors have been called "**Hospital Corpsmen**."

- At **24,000+** the Hospital Corps is the largest occupational enlisted rating and most highly decorated enlisted rate in the U.S. Navy.
- Stories abound of hospital corpsmen's heroic and selfless actions on the battlefields of Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Khe Sanh and Fallujah.
- To date, Hospital Corpsmen have been the recipients of **22 Medals of Honor**, **199 Navy Crosses** and some **984 Silver Stars**.



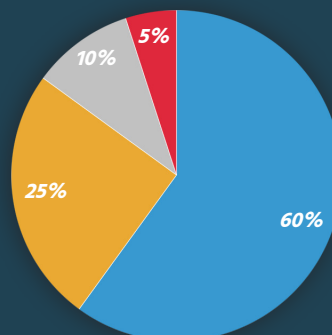
Corpsmen Readiness starts with Training

The Basic School:

- **3,500+** HMs graduate from "A" School Medical Education and Training Campus, San Antonio, Texas.
- Each class lasts **14 weeks**. Foundational training includes: shipboard training, litter bearer, nursing care, and TCCC.

Where newly minted HMs go:

- **60 percent** go to Naval Hospital/Navy Medicine Readiness & Training Commands (NMRTC)
- **25 percent** go to "C" School (Technician's School)
- **10 percent** go to the Field Medical Training Battalion (to become Field Medical Technicians)
- **5 percent** go to Hospital Corps Trauma Training (HMTT)



NOTABLE HOSPITAL CORPSMEN:

- **Hospital Apprentice Robert Stanley** – First HM to receive the Medal of Honor (1901)
- **Pharmacist's Mate Third Class John Henry Litchfield** – First Corpsman to serve as namesake of warship (1919)
- **Pharmacist's Mate First Class Wheeler Lipps** – First IDC to perform an appendectomy aboard a submarine in enemy waters (1942)
- **Pharmacist's Mate Third Class John Andrew Haskins** – Hero of Port Chicago Disaster (1944)
- **Hospital Corpsman First Class Ruth Flora** – First active duty female HM in U.S. Navy (1948)
- **HMCM Robert Swartout** – First Force Master Chief of the Hospital Corps (1971)
- **Hospital Corpsman First Class Luis Fonseca** – Hero of Battle of An Nasiriyah (2003)
- **FORCM Michael J. Roberts** – Force Master Chief and Director of the Hospital Corps (2020-Present)



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Charette

Kilmer

HOSPITAL CORPS SHIP NAMESAKES:

- There are **22** ships named in honor of Hospital Corpsmen.
- The latest Hospital Corps ship namesakes are the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyers **USS William Charette (DDG-130)** and **USS John Kilmer (DDG-134)**.

NAVAL HEALTH RESEARCH CENTER (NHRC), SAN DIEGO, CA



READINESS THROUGH RESEARCH

- Established 1 June 1959 as the Naval Medical Neuropsychiatric Research Unit in San Diego, California
- Redesignated the Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) in 1974
- Mission: To optimize military operational readiness through cutting-edge research in support of warfighters, veterans, and family health

NHRC Recent Highlights:

- Infectious Disease:**
 - First DoD lab to validate the CDC SARS-CoV assay, >50K SARS-CoV tests for local MTFs, Fleet and FMF
 - Established 1st INDOPACOM testing sites at NH Yokosuka and at NH Guam
 - West Coast DoD COVID sequencing laboratory
 - Developed Pooling Studies/Algorithms for COVID White House Task Force/JPEO; deployed fleet-wide
 - Led Outbreak Investigations (influenza, Group A Strep, COVID)
- Human Performance:**
 - Shipboard Crew Status using wearables and early biomarkers of fatigue / febrile disease / mental health
 - Integration of females into USMC basic/infantry training; reduced injury in basic/infantry training
 - Lethality—major doctrinal changes in USMC marksmanship training—sustained improvement in speed and accuracy of fire
 - Ship crew performance/mental health rapid evaluation and feedback aboard USS George Washington (CVN-73) response
- Medical Planning:**
 - Designated JCS medical planning tools
 - Authorized Medical Allowance List (AMAL) modernization



AC Corpsmen Navy Enlisted Classifications (NECs):

Nomenclature:	NEC:	Manning:
General Duty/ "Quad Zero"	0000/L03A	14,773
Search and Rescue (SAR) Tech	L00A	130
Aero Medical Tech	L04A	556
Radiation Health Tech	L05A	86
Cardiovascular (CV) Tech	L06A	81
Aerospace Physiology Tech	L07A	56
Biomed Equipment (EQ) Tech	L08A	447
Nuclear Medicine Tech	L09A	28
FMF Reconnaissance Medical Tech	L11A	9
Preventive Medicine Tech	L11A	617
Hemodialysis Tech	L13A	13
Ophthalmic Surgical Tech	L14A	10
Ultrasound Tech	L15A	15
Mammography Tech	L16A	10
Advanced X-Ray Tech	L17A	587
Electroneurodiagnostic Tech	L18A	26
Optician	L19A	150
Physical Therapy (PT) Tech	L20A	208
Occupational Therapy (OT) Tech	L21A	21
Pharmacy Tech	L22A	544
Surgical Tech	L23A	794
Behavioral Health Tech	L24A	410
Urology Tech	L25A	59
Orthopedic Tech	L26A	127
Dive Med Tech	L27A	108
Mortician	L29A	14
Histopathology Tech	L30A	27
Medical Laboratory Tech	L31A	920
Respiratory Therapy Tech	L32A	159
Dental Assistant	L33A	1,774
Dental Hygienist	L35A	64
Dental Laboratory Tech Basic	L36A	87
Dental Laboratory Tech Advance	L37A	87
Dental Lab Technician Maxillof.	L38A	8
Drug & Alcohol Counselor Intern	700D	79
Drug & Alcohol	700E	24

Independent Duty Corpsmen (IDCs):	NEC:	Manning:
Sub IDC	L01A	171
FMF Recon IDC	L02A	212
Surface IDC	L10A	1,031
Dive IDC	L28A	85

BATTLE OF MIDWAY 80th ANNIVERSARY

- **4 June 2022** marks the **80th** anniversary of arguably the most pivotal naval battle in history.
- The Japanese carriers that had launched the sneak attack on our Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor had been destroyed or seriously damaged along with the best pilots of the Imperial Navy. The one day battle reversed the tide of war in the Pacific.
- As crewmen on the ships at Midway, Navy physicians, dentists, pharmacists, administrators and Hospital Corpsmen manned battle stations and sick bays during the heat of the battle—and the lulls in between.



Composition of Forces:

- U.S. Navy: **3** Carriers, **25** Support Ships, **360** Carrier and Land-Based Aircraft
- Japanese Imperial Navy: **4** Carriers, **2** Battleships, **15** Support Ships, **248** Carrier Aircraft, **16** Floatplanes

American Losses:

- Navy and Marine Corps Casualties: **547**
- Navy and Marine Corps Fatalities: **307**
- One carrier sunk (Yorktown), one destroyer sunk (Hammann), and **150** aircraft destroyed

Japanese Losses:

- Japanese Fatalities: **3,000+**
- Four carriers sunk, one cruiser sunk, and **248** aircraft destroyed

Navy Medical Heroes:

- Lt. (j.g.) Edward Augustus Kearney, MC, USN, USS Yorktown (CV-5) - Silver Star recipient
- Lt. (j.g.) John H. Peterson, MC, USN, USS Hammann (DD-412) - Silver Star recipient