Navy

General Information

The Navy is the branch of the military that operates primarily from the water. Aircraft carriers are the ships that the jets and helicopters operate from. Other ships in the navy have landing pads to accommodate helicopters. Helicopters are used mainly for search and rescue, cargo/troop transport, and for finding enemy submarines. The jets are used for a variety of missions that range from reconnaissance to primary forward attack. The Navy’s Special Forces are the Navy SEALS. Helicopters are the primary transport for them. The fighter jets are used for a variety of missions. The most prominent is the strike fighter which offers primary attack on select targets. There are also the fighters that conduct electronic warfare and anti-submarine operations. These aircraft are both carrier and land based. More Information at www.navy.mil and www.navy.com

Aircraft

The navy utilizes several different types of aircraft, depending on the specific assignment. The following is an example of what the primary aircraft used are and how the aircraft is used for the various missions from a carrier. There are other aircraft that are ground based that are not covered here. There are also a few aircraft that are being phased out. These aircraft are not listed here.

T-6B* Basic Flight Training
F/A-18 Hornet (+ variants) Multi-role Strike Fighter
E-2 Hawkeye Carrier Based Surveillance Aircraft
EA-6B Prowler Electronic Warfare Aircraft
P-3 Orion* Long Range Anti-submarine Warfare
P-8 Poiseidon* Multi-Mission Aircraft
TH-57 Sea Ranger* Primary Helicopter Trainer (Bell 206)
HH-60H Rescue Hawk Search and Rescues
SH-60B/F Seahawk Anti-Submarine
MH-53 Sea Dragon Anti-Mine and Troop/Cargo Transport

*Land Based

Requirements / Training Process:

- Appropriate Military Tests Flight Training:
- Flight Medical API (Ground School)
- Academy or OCS (Officer Candidate School) Primary
- Ship Leak Training Advanced
- Swimming Training Job Specific Aircraft
- SERE Training
- Ejection Seat Training
- Altitude Chamber

How to Prepare

There are several things you can do to help prepare yourself and increase your chances of being accepted.

- Remain drug free
- No drinking problems (Career over with an alcohol related offense)
- Clean Arrest Record, No Issues with the Law, Be in good legal standing
- Do well in school
- Be involved in extra-curricular activities (i.e. previous leadership positions)
- Previous Flight Hours are Helpful, but Not Very