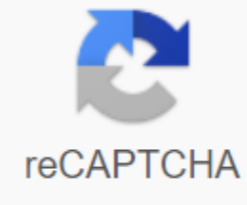




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Those enlisted in the Navy spend eight weeks (more than a week only for processing and paperwork) from boot camp at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, on the shores of Lake Michigan, near Chicago. Boot camp for the Navy is more classroom-based than other military training programs - even the march and weapons exercises are conducted inside. In part, this is due to the fact that so many regular Navy activities take place within ships. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Navy A recruitment division request while successfully completing the final line of a battle station drill. Anyone who wants to become a Navy officer (and possibly captain of a ship someday) has several options. The United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland is a four-year undergraduate college that prepares graduates to work as officers in the Navy. This is a prestigious and challenging program that requires a congressional nomination to apply. Potential officers can also attend the School of Official Candidates in Pensacola, Florida. This 13-week course is more rigorous than boot camp, and requires recruits to hold a degree before acceptance. Photo Courtesy of U.S. Navy Newly Commissioned Officers held the class of the 2005 U.S. Naval Academy graduation and commissioning ceremony. Once they have passed their initial training, recruits will be able to attend a technical school or participate in the Journeyman Program. This places each Navy recruit with more experienced sailors in a variety of qualifications to learn various Navy tasks firsthand. Navy reservists train one weekend a month and two weeks each year. They provide a prepared force of trained sailors who can be called if the Navy needs additional labor for a specific reason. Reservists can opt for technical training during their service, and can enjoy the benefits of certain veterans when they retire. Life on the coast for Navy personnel is much the same as at other military bases. Everyone gets a housing stipend (new recruits usually live in bedroom-style apartments), and the home on the basis is available to individual sailors as well as older families. Facilities at the base include grocery stores, medical facilities, churches and libraries. There are also cinemas, golf courses and fitness centers. The focus of marine life, of course, is to live and work on a ship. The standard deployment of the Navy ship lasts six months; However, the Navy is experimenting with shorter or longer deployments of more than six months to make them more flexible less predictable. Needless to say, living for six months or more with several hundred people on a boat means nearby neighborhoods and a lot of patience and camaraderie. The circumstances also require complete loyalty and obedience and indecurency to the ship's captain, whose authority on his ship is absolute. There's a lot of work to be done on a Navy ship, so the sailors stay busy. Still, limited recreational activities are provided - a famous example was the Reagan Idol singing contest held on the USS Ronald Reagan that landed the winner on the current TV show American Idol in 2007. In addition, each sailor receives 30 days of leave each year. They can fly for free independently on any Navy flight and most other military flights [source: The U.S. Navy]. Photo courtesy of The U.S. Navy Intelligence Specialist 2nd Class Jarrod Fowler performs during the Ronald Reagan Idol talent competition, March 26, 2006. Women play an important role in the modern Navy - their progress toward equal treatment and pay reflects the equal rights movement in the United States. In 1976, Congress ordered that women be allowed to enter the Naval Academy. However, a 1948 law prevented women from serving on most Navy ships. This was cancelled in 1978, and women have been serving their country aboard Navy ships ever since. In addition, the women were cleared for air combat service in the 1990s, and now serve in this regard also [source: PBS]. Photo Courtesy of U.S. Navy Lieutenant Renee Scherr, assigned to The Marine Combat Wing Pacific Helicopter Commander, speaks to a group of 5th grade girls during a race day at Meridiana Elementary School. As members of a United States military organization, all Navy personnel are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The dismissal of the Navy can take a variety of forms, from an honorable discharge to a court martial, depending on the circumstances surrounding the dismissal. See How the army works for a full explanation. Navy veterans and retirees are eligible for a range of benefits ranging from burial in state cemeteries, health and life insurance, low-interest loans for mortgages or small businesses, and veterans' health care. The full suite of available benefits may depend on the nature of the veteran's dismissal, usually an honorable discharge or retirement is required for access to all benefits. Here begins the search for answers to specific questions about the benefits of veterans: The National Archives. For more information about The Navy and related topics, check out the links to the next page. LambertGetty Announcement Pictures Father's Day lands on Sunday, June 21, and while it may seem like the party is all about grilling and fantastic Father's Day gifts, there's certainly more to it. Of course, as we celebrate that dad has changed over the years (we are increasingly these days), but the reason it remains the same. As one wise man once said: The quality of a parent can be seen in the goals, dreams and aspirations he establishes not only for himself, but for his family. Taking the time to thank the man who raised you is so important - but having a day in honour of your parents wasn't always standard practice. As far as the History, it was a long and winding road to create a Father's Day officer, with plenty of unexpected bumps along the way. Check out the rich history behind the national event - be sure to save a piece of trivia or two for dinner, as we know a couple of parents who love funny facts. 1 of 40 first centuries: Catholics celebrated the Feast of Saint Joseph. 2, 1908: Anna Jarvis founded Mother's Day. The idea for Father's Day came about after social activist Anna Jarvis proposed Mother's Day in the early 1900s. Six years after its creation, Mother's Day was declared an official holiday by President Woodrow Wilson. 3, 1908: The first event to explicitly honor parents The first celebration for parents in The United States has quite dark origins. On July 5, 1908, a father-themed memorial was held by a West Virginia church for the 362 men killed in an explosion at the Fairmont Coal Company's mines. 4, 1910: Sonora Smart Dodd honored her father at the local YMCA. 5, 1912: Parents play a role in the invention of the water source. Love can be inspirational - just ask Halsey Taylor. In 1912, Taylor invented the modern water source as a tribute to his father. 6, 1913: Father's Day becomes Father's Day. Grammatical geeks, your complaints with the name of this holiday are justified. While Dodd originally called it Father's Day, the first bill he tried to set up the party in 1913 used the Spelling Father's Day - and got stuck. 7, 1916: President Woodrow Wilson tried to make Father's Day one thing. Six years later, news about the party reached the White House. President Wilson attended the Father's Day celebration in Spokane and confirmed that he was working to make the festival recognized nationally. Congress initially resisted because they were concerned about marketing. 9, 1924: President Calvin Coolidge endorsed Father's Day. President Coolidge also had cold feet: He recommended that the nation observe the party, but failed to issue a national proclamation (also known as the document that makes it a done deal). 10, 1940s: Americans view Father's Day as propaganda. Between the Great Depression and World War II, Americans were tired of anything that encouraged them to spend their hard earned money. During the war, advertisers even began telling housewives that supporting Father's Day was also a way to support their husbands out in war and war itself. RELATED: 15 Hilarious Father's Day Memes That Will Have Dad Shooting 11 40, 1957: Margaret Chase Smith called Congress. In the 1950s, Father's Day was celebrated by most Americans, although it was not recognized at the federal level. Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith made a request to Congress: Congress has now been guilty for 40 years of the worst possible oversight against the gallant parents of our land. Or us both our parents, mother and father, or let us withdraw from honoring anyone, he wrote. 12, 1961: Walt Horan resurrected the proposal for Father's Day. 13, 1963: John F. Kennedy was named Father of the Year. 14, 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson issued a presidential proclamation. President Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation in honor of his parents and designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. 15, 1967: Frank and Nancy Sinatra make father-daughter history. A special moment in pop history came in the late 1960s, when the success of Frank & Nancy Sinatra Something Stupid became the only father-daughter collaboration to reach number one on the Billboard charts. 16, 1970s: Dad took a break to see 'The Godfather'. All the time, Marlon Brando and Al Pacino were giving dad some important mafia entertainments. The first film, which premiered in 1972, came out just in time for Father's Day. 18, 1973: Nothing changed (also a.k.a. Dad was watching replays). Since Father's Day took place in the summer, the most popular TV shows were off the air, including Barnaby Jones, a CBS hit who kept a private eye while resolving cases with his widow. On Father's Day 1973, CBS aired a replay titled Perchance to Kill. 19, 1977: Elvis and his father create a magical moment of television. 20, 1978: Dad was busy practicing the hustle and bustle. If John Travolta can do it, then so can Dad. The men broke their flared trousers and platform shoes to give the hustle and bustle a chance, inspired the release of Saturday Night Fever. 22, 1983: All eyes were on Sally Ride, including dad. On the eve of Father's Day, Sally Ride became the first American woman to fly into space aboard the Challenger - and the whole nation was buzzing about it. 23, 1985: Dad invests in a leather jacket. 24, 1989: German parents have done it! The German version of Father's Day is called Männertag. Held 40 days after Easter, German parents can traditionally have breakfast in bed - and plenty of beer. 25, 1993: Dad cheered on the Chicago Bulls. Well, actually Michael Jordan. The Chicago Bulls, led by the shooting guard, defeated the Phoenix Suns in the 1993 NBA Finals. Talk about the latest Father's Day gift! 27, 1996: Dad performed 'My Funny Valentine' in a repeat. The country was in mourning for the loss of jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald. Lady Ella died at home after years of diabetes-linked illness. 29, 2000: Dad witnessed one of the highlights of the race Tiger Woods. This is the year the Tiger Slam began. In 2000, the golfer won his first U.S. Open after a record-breaking 15-lime victory. 30, 2002: Families mourn the parents who lost their lives in the September 11 attack. Nearly 3,000 men and women lost their lives during the tragic 9/11 attacks - and many of them were parents. The next Father's Day was a more smiling occasion with magazines, and TV shows in honor of the lives lost. RELATED: 15 Diy Dad's Day Cards His Cherish Cherish Father