

DICTIONARY OF NAVY SLANG

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O'dark hundred: Pronounced "oh dark". Referring to some point really early in the morning, like 0200 (which would be pronounced oh-two-hundred)

O'dark thirty: one half hour after O'dark hundred. (used in the same context as O'dark hundred.)

16: International VHF hailing/distress channel for marine communications; frequency is 156.8 MHz (FM).

o 13: Intership navigation (bridge-to-bridge); 156.650 MHz.

1st Lieutenant: Division found in most aviation and afloat commands that is responsible for the material condition and cleanliness of the ship or the spaces occupied by the Airedales. This usually means cleaning toilets (see "Shitter" below), swabbing decks, and running the geedunk. 1st LT DIV-O is usually dropped on the most junior officer in the command when he checks in. On surface ships, the 1st Lieutenant commands the deck division, made up of the boatswain's mates, and is responsible for the boats and docking.

1JV: Sound-powered circuit used between the bridge, lookouts, and main control.

1MC: One of many communication circuits aboard a ship, this is probably the most widely recognized. When used, it is heard on every external speaker but is not always heard by every crew member, due to the fact that not all spaces have a functioning speaker. However, all crew members are expected to know what is said over the 1MC regardless of whether or not it was 'audible.'

2JV: Engineering sound-powered circuit.

2MC: Engineering loudspeaker circuit.

3/4 Mile Island: USS Enterprise (CVN-65)

3M: Maintenance and Material Management.

4 Balls: Midnight or 0000Hrs (See 'All Balls' below)

4MC: Emergency circuit, goes straight to the control room of a submarine, or bridge of a ship.

5MC: Similar to the 1MC, except that it is only heard on the flight deck of an air-capable ship.

50/50/90: Used to describe the phenomenon whereby a question that statistically has a 50/50 chance of being answered correctly is actually answered incorrectly 90% of the time. Used primarily in reference to nuclear operators, who tend to over-think ("nuke") a problem.

688 (pron. six eighty-eight): Often used when referring to Los Angeles class fast-attack nuclear submarines, 688 is the hull number (SSN-688) for the lead ship in the class, USS Los Angeles (SSN-688).

90-day Wonder: An Officers Candidate School graduate. OCS students are former civilians or enlisted sailors with bachelors degrees who endure roughly 90 days of intense physical and academic instruction, graduating as commissioned

officers.

99 (pron. niner niner): When "99" is heard on the radio following a unit's call sign, it means that the transmission is for all of the aircraft in that unit.

A

Abaft the beam: On a ship, this refers to anything aft of the 090/270 degree relative beam of the ship, which is perpendicular to the bow/stern axis.

Above or Abovedecks: A direction: Navy for "up." If you ascend to a higher deck on a Navy ship (using a ladder), you go "above." If you go all the way up to the weather decks, you go "topside" (see below).

Abu Dhabi (adj.): Refers to any product labelled in Arabic aboard a ship, particularly soda cans. "We've been home from cruise for 8 months and we still have Abu Dhabi Cokes in the vending machines!" Also referred to as "Haji Pop"

Admin: Prearranged meeting point in-port for carrier pilots.

Admin Warfare Specialist: Joking, sometimes derisive term for Yeomen, Personnelmen or other Navy administrative ratings. Used especially in cases when said sailor does not have a warfare pin.

ADSEP: ADministrative SEPARation - Involuntary separation from the armed services due to circumstances which are not deemed dishonorable.

A-Farts: slang for Armed Forces Radio & Television Service. A-Farts is received via satellite all over the world and offers a variety of shows. Some of the most entertaining offerings are the propaganda commercials it frequently airs since regular advertising is not permitted.

Aft: Towards the stern of the ship. Aft is always a direction, never a place.

A-Gang: The Auxiliary Division of the Engineering Department. Members known as "A-Gangers." Also known as the only gang on the boat.

Ahead Frank Crap on Plate: (Submarine Service) Refers to when a Submarine orders up All Ahead Flank Cavitate, without rigging for high speed.

Air Boss: Air Officer. His assistant is the "Mini Boss".

Airdale: A naval aviator. A sailor who works on or around aircraft.

Airdale Tuck: The act of folding and one's garrison cover (piss cutter) so as to have the rear end kick up vertically.

Air Force Common: Sarcastic term for the Guard frequencies (see "Guard" below). These are supposed to be used only in the case of an emergency, however, sailors perceive the Air Force using the frequencies far too often for routine communications.

Airstart: Any attempt to restart an aircraft's engine(s) after in-flight failure. Also a "blowjob; which is performed by the "Root Huffer"; a Huffer is slang for the Aircraft Start Cart which blows air into a jet engine spooling it start RPMs"

Airwing: All of the squadrons aboard an aircraft carrier make up the airwing.

A.J. Squared Away: a term used to describe a sailor who is always "squared away," meaning always having a perfect shave, perfectly ironed uniform, spit-shined shoes, haircut with less than 1 mm of hair, spotless uniform, etc. Compare to dirtbag below.

Aloft: A location above the weather decks, such as the rigging or antenna farm. Usually heard in word passed every 15-minutes when personnel are working on radars aboard ship. "Aloft, there are men working aloft. Do not rotate, radiate or energize any electrical or electronic equipment while men are working aloft onboard USS <ship's name>".

Anchors and Spurs: Famous dance club at NAVSTA San Diego where many-a lonely Navy wife has broken the seventh commandment. Many sailors find this amusing until it happens to them.

Angles and Dangles (Submarine Service): Placing the boat in extreme angles (also known as 'up and down bubbles') soon after leaving port, to see whether anything breaks loose. Similar consequence noises while on patrol are not desired. Usually results in plates just cleaned, half the bug juice machine, and that nights' dessert ending up on the floor and aft/forward bulkhead.

All Balls: Refers to a crew or unit that is all male.

ALL BALLS: Midnight or 0000Hrs.

All Balls: Any instrument reading that is all zeros.

Aluminum Cloud: slang for the F-14 Tomcat.

"Another Fine Navy Day!": an expression voiced (in a very sarcastic cheery manner) on occasions when, in fact, it's not that much of a Fine Navy Day at all.

Anti-smack or Anti-smash: Anti-collision strobe light on an aircraft. Also called simply "Smacks."

Anymouse: Slang for anonymous. Safety system where sailors can drop an anonymous recommendation into a locked box.

AOL: Absent Over Leave; Navyspeak for AWOL. See UA, the sailors' preferred usage.

AOM: All Officers Meeting, held for a variety of reasons like training, port calls, mess issues, etc.

Ape: Slang for an Auxiliary Power Unit, or APU. This is basically a small turbine engine on an aircraft that is started with battery power. It then supplies electrical power and air for starting the main engine(s).

Apple Jack: Slang for 21 day wine made out of bug juice, sugar and yeast. Don't forget the boxed raisins (for texture). Tastes like crap but packs a powerful wallop.

- o Applejack (also Applejacked): Extremely intoxicated. Refers to a sailor who is so piss-drunk on liberty that his shipmates actually notice it.

"Armpit of the Navy": Slang for NAS Lemoore, so named because of the smell and air quality of the San Joaquin Valley.

"Assholes and elbows": In days of old, a deck hand on his hands and knees holystoning a wooden deck. As in "All I want to see is assholes and elbows." as spoken by a boatswains mate. Now it just means to work hard without rest.

"Asshole of the Navy": Slang for Norfolk, Virginia, home of the fabled "DOGS AND SAILORS KEEP OFF THE GRASS!" sign. The Urban Legends Reference Pages says that the sign is an urban legend [2], but cold shoulders from civilians

persist in Navy towns. See also "NoFuck, Vagina" and "Shit City," below.
Asshole of the World: Tijuana, Mexico. It is thus labeled because it is dirty, smells like shit, has high crime and drugs, corrupt police officials, and has few redeeming qualities. However, due to its close proximity to San Diego, one can often find sailors and Marines enjoying the lower drinking age, cheap booze, and loose women.

ASWO: Anti-Submarine Warfare Officers

ATFQ: Answer The Fucking Question. This grading remark often appears on nuke-school exams. See also "GCE".

Athwartships: A direction perpendicular to the bow-stern axis of the ship. That is, moving port-to-starboard or starboard-to-port. A passageway that goes in this direction is called an "athwartship passageway."

AUTEC: Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center

Auto: Short for autorotation, which is a maneuver performed by a helo pilot in the event of complete power loss. Sarcastically described as the last few seconds of a helo flight during which the crew has just enough time to kiss their ass goodbye.

Auto Dog: Self-serve ice cream dispensed from a machine in wardrooms and mess decks throughout the navy. Resembles a pile of dog poop. See "dog" below.

Aye: Yes (I understand).

Aye, aye: Yes (I heard the order, I understand the order, and I intend to obey the order).

AWOL: Absent Without Official Leave

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Baby Birdfarm: An Iwo Jima-class helicopter carrier.

Baboon Ass: Nickname for corned beef, based on color and flavor.

Back Alley: Card game of trump played by 2 to 4 players (mostly "snipes").

Players are first dealt 1 card each then 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13,-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. Players bid on the number of tricks to be taken, trump is determined by draw. Score is kept by awarding 3 points for bids made and taken and 1 point for each additional trick. A player unable to make their bid goes set 3 X the bid. Game can be played by partners.

Baffles: (Submarines) The area directly aft of a submarine in which she cannot hear because of the screw's turbulence in the water and the lack of ship mounted hydrophones in that immediate area.

Baffle Sample: (Submarines) A prank, similar to the Portable Air Sample snipe hunt, conducted on a NQP that, played correctly, can involve several departments including sonar, engineering, and weapons. Generally culminates in NQP approaching Captain in Chicken Suit and declaring an emergent situation of "50 parts per baffle!".

Bag: Flight suit.

Bag: To issue demerits at the Naval Academy.

Bag: Full complement of fuel in an aircraft.

Bag: To accumulate, gather, or obtain something. (Ex. I'm going to bag some traps.)

Bag: To leave or postpone a regular duty for the following watch to complete.
Generally, the person who gets bagged is the one using the term.

Bag Ass: Leave a place of duty (go on liberty)

Bag It Out: Fill an aircraft with its max fuel load.

Bag Nasty: A pre-packaged bag lunch usually consisting of a cold cut sandwich, piece of fruit, and juice box or can of soda. Served at galleys in lieu of regular chow for sailors on the go.

Balls Thirty: A term used to indicate the time of the 0030 security sweep on some bases.

Balls to Two: A short watch stood from. Not generally seen outside of training commands.

Balls to Four: A four hour watch technically spanning from 00:00 to 04:00, though in practice begins at 2345 and ends at 0345. Most commonly seen on a "Dogged Watch" schedule.

Balls To The Wall (Submarine Service): Main propulsion plant dialed up to 11 for maximum speed.

Balls To The Walls: extremely fast, hurry up

Banana Eating Contest: Game in which many promiscuous women give multiple men blowjobs.

Bandit: Aircraft positively identified as hostile.

Barney Clark: Slider topped with a fried egg. Also called a "One-Eyed Jack."
Named after the first man to receive an artificial heart.

Barricade: Also called the barrier, this is a huge nylon net strung across the landing area of a carrier to arrest the landing of an aircraft with damaged gear or a damaged tailhook. (Usually deployed to avoid pissing off the Air Boss by breaking the spot.)

Base Bunny: Slutty woman who hangs around in front of the entrance to a base, hoping to pick up a Sailor. Some Base Bunnies want to snag a husband and thereby reap the (Sailor's) benefits.

Basket Leave: Highly illegal free time off. When a sailor who takes leave has his leave chit destroyed after he's returned, thereby not charging the liberty against his leave balance without the command's knowledge. Personnelmen at a command who monitor leave are apt to use a favor such as basket leave in trade for favors from their shipmates.

Bastard Chief: Slang for Master Chief.

Battle Group (BG): A group of warships and supply ships centered around a large deck aircraft carrier and its airwing. Usually consists of one cruiser, one supply ship, and one or two destroyers, frigates, and submarines. Has been sanitized and emasculated lately and is now referred to as the Carrier Strike Group (CSG). Occasionally referred to as a "Battleship Group" by clueless media reporters.

Battle Racks: When mission-exhausted aviators are allowed to sleep through General Quarters drills.

Battle Wagon: Battleship (Note: While the Navy still owns the four remaining Iowa-class battleships, they are no longer in active duty - in fact most now serve as public museums).

B.B.&G.: Buffarilla Bar and Grill (Club outside the Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula, MS.).

BCG's: Birth Control Glasses. Standard Navy-issue corrective eyewear. So named because they are so thick and hideous that you are guaranteed never to have sex while you are wearing them. The only option for vision correction during boot camp, because contacts are not allowed and other frame choices are not offered. Nearly impossible to break, although many recruits dedicate much time and effort towards that end.

The Beach: "Terra firma." Any place that is not covered by water.

Beach Pounder: A Marine (cf. Ground Pounder = soldier). Coast Guard: Shoreline foot patrol (archaic/WWII); lived on in expression: "Pound sand!" for "Get lost."

Beam: The width of a naval vessel. Also refers to any contact close to 90 degrees off the fore/aft axis of the ship. A lookout would call a contact on the 100 relative bearing "off the starboard beam."

Beer Day: On many Navy ships, even in the present day, all hands are given 2 beers if they are underway without a port call for a given period of time - generally 45 days. Both beers are opened when they are given to the crewmember to prevent them from being hoarded. Considering what you have to go through to "earn" a beer day, they are definitely not a good thing. Sharing, selling, or otherwise transferring one's beer to another person is almost always strictly forbidden.

Beer Tickets: Foreign currency - so called because a sailor has no idea how much the bills and coins are worth. All he wants to know is how many are needed to buy drinks while in port.

Bells: Naval way of announcing the time of day aboard ship, usually over the 1MC. One bell corresponds to 30 minutes past the hour. Bells will only be rung as a single strike, or a closely spaced double strike, with a maximum of eight bells (4 sets of 2). Bells repeat themselves every 4 hours. For example 2 sets of 2 bells, followed by a single bell could be 0230, 0630, 1030, 1430, 1830, or 2230.

Below: Navy for "down." If you descend to a lower deck on a Navy ship (using a ladder), you go "below." (Surface)

Below: The interior of a submarine. "Going below" means descending a ladder from the topside area or bridge to the interior of the sub. (Submarines)

Below Decks: The watch responsible for monitoring the forward spaces of a submarine while in port.

Benny: A treat or reward, derived from "Benefit".

- o Benny Suggs: The Navy's Beneficial Suggestions program, a method where DON employees, and Navy and Marine personnel can make

suggestions to improve various programs and operations.

Bent Shitcan: Someone below Naval standards.

Berthing: Living quarters for enlisted personnel. Aboard ship berthing is usually a relatively large space filled with three-deep racks, lockers, a couple of TV's, minimal furniture, and an attached head.

Big Chicken Dinner: Slang for a Bad Conduct Discharge, which is usually handed out along with an administrative separation (ADSEP) after a sailor pops positive on a "Whiz Quiz."

Big Eyes: Large mounted binoculars normally found on or near the Signal Shack

Bilge Party: The cleaning of the bilges in Machinery Rooms, generally performed by younger sailors while supervisors poke fun

Bilge Rat: Someone who works in the engineering spaces.

Bilge Turd: Derogatory term for "Boiler Technician," typically from Machinist Mates who attend the identical A school

BINGO: Minimum fuel needed to return to base (RTB).

Binnacle List: The daily list of ship's crew who are sick in quarters (see below). So called because in the old days of sailing, this list was posted on the binnacle, the casing that housed the ship's compass.

Bird: Aircraft.

Birdfarm: Aircraft carrier.

Bitchbox: Intercom or amplified circuit used to communicate between spaces of a ship.

Bitching Betty: The computer generated female voice heard in an aviator's earpiece when something is not as it should be. Usually caused by unsafe flight conditions or an enemy threat.

Black Hole, The: Reference to the Navy's main base at Norfolk, Virginia, so called because "it's where sailors' careers go to die."

Black Hole: An extremely dangerous situation encountered by naval aviators when landing aboard a ship on a very dark night. Limited visual cues and vestibular errors from the inner ear give the impression of forward motion when in fact forward motion has slowed considerably or stopped altogether. The pilot continues his descent, however, under the impression that he is still on a normal glideslope. Many rampstrikes and water impacts have resulted from this phenomenon.

Black Shoe: Any "Surface Navy" officer or CPO, from the black shoes worn with khaki uniforms. "Black shoe" is a derogatory term used by aviators in reference to ship drivers, much like carrier aviators refer to the carrier as "the boat" just to piss off the black shoes. See also "Brown Shoe."

Blowing a Shitter (Submarine Service): Accidentally flushing a toilet while San Tanks are being vented overboard, despite the posted warning signs. Also refers to losing one's composure, adapted from first definition.

Blow the DCA:(Submarines) A task made up by more senior enlisted, which sends an inexperienced junior sailor looking for an imaginary DCA horn. If done

correctly, the junior sailor will be thrown in a wild goose chase around the submarine until he finds the real DCA (Damage Control Assistant), which the junior sailor normally asks the DCA officer permission to blow the DCA, and the officer will usually reply, "Well, it's about time!" and begin to unzip his pants jokingly.

Blue and Gold: Alternating crews for the same ship - usually applied to submarines, but recently applied to forward deployed "small boys" in the "Sea Swap" program.

Bluejacket: An enlisted sailor below the rank of E-7 (Chief Petty Officer).

- o Bluejacket's Manual: The handbook of seamanship issued to recruits.
 - o Page 92: Upon doing something stupid, recruits will often be required to read the paragraph entitled "Discipline" multiple times while holding the Bluejacket's Manual at arms length. This is usually done when the redropes have exhausted the recruits to the point where more ITE would possibly get them into trouble.

Bluenose: An individual who has crossed the Arctic Circle.

Blue on Blue: Fratricide or friendly fire. Named for the color associated with friendly forces during "workups" and exercises. The fictional enemy country is usually Orange or Red. In port the definition of "blue on blue" is much more enjoyable, as it refers to girl-on-girl stripper acts, porn scenes, etc. Also used in the context "blue on blue contact" which refers to a fight between two sailors, often caused by the belief that a particular bar girl is committed to those men in a monogamous relationship.

Blue Shirt: An enlisted sailor below the rank of E-7 (Chief Petty Officer). More modern than the term Bluejacket.

Blue Tile: An area of the carrier on the starboard main passageway, O-3 level, where the Battle Group (now called Carrier Strike Group) admiral and his staff live and work. As the name implies, the deck is indeed blue there. Passing through, especially by junior enlisted sailors, is highly discouraged. During wartime, armed guards may be posted on both sides of the blue tile. Pictures of bare-assed drunken aviators standing on the blue tile during port calls are highly prized keepsakes.

Blue Water: Deep water far from land. Only larger, self-sufficient ships can operate on these waters. Also called the "high seas." See Brown Water.

Board: To land a fixed-wing aircraft successfully aboard an aircraft carrier via the tailhook and arresting wires.

- o Boarding Rate: Percentage of the time that an aviator successfully boards on the first attempt

Boat: Water craft small enough to be carried on a ship, unless a submarine, which is always called "a boat" or "the boat" when referring to the actual vessel (as opposed to the "ship's company" when referring to a sub's command or crew)

- o A ship may be called a boat but ONLY by members of its crew, and only those who have actually completed a deployment.

- o The Boat: (1) The Submarine; (2) Airdale term for the ship their airwing is attached to. "We're going to The Boat for a few weeks."

Boat Cute: Applied to female sailors who would not be attractive on the beach, but who become extremely attractive after being underway for a prolonged period of time.

Boat Goat: Usually refers to females aboard ship that are unattractive.

Boat Ho: Usually refers to females aboard ship that are assumed to be promiscuous.

Boats: A sailor in the Boatswain's Mate rating. Nickname for a Boatswain's Mate. Often sailors of rates other than Boatswain's Mate will refer to any member of the Deck Department as "Boats". Although non-rate Seaman, E-1 to E-3, never refer to each other this way, but only to Boatswain's Mate's E-4 to E-6. Nor do senior members of the department refer to junior members as "Boats".

B.O.C.O.D: "Beat-Off Cut-Off Date" The date before returning home from a deployment to stop masturbating in order to save it up for your wife or girlfriend.

Bogey: Unknown aircraft which could be friendly, hostile, or neutral.

B.O.H.I.C.A.: "Bend Over, Here It Comes Again."

Bolter: Failed attempt at an arrested landing on a carrier by a fixed-wing aircraft. Usually caused by a poor approach or a hook bounce on the deck, this embarrassing event leads to a go-around and another attempt to "board."

Bonnie Dick: Nickname for USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6)

Bone Me Hard Richard: Another nickname for the USS "Bonhomme Richard" (LHD-6). This name originates from Great Lakes, Illinois and generally refers to the primarily female barracks of the same name.

Boomer: Missile Submarine.

Boomer Fag: Any Naval personnel that serves aboard a Boomer

Boondockers: Navy issue work boots. They are made out of black leather with black rubber sole, come up to your ankle and have steel toes. They are the most uncomfortable shoes you could ever wear.

Boondoggle: Any unorganized, inefficient evolution, usually grand in scale and involving many confused participants. Similar to a "goat rope." Alternatively: Used in reference to any TAD/TDY trip that is "official" on paper, but is basically just an excuse for sailors (usually senior enlisted and officers) to get away from the command for a brief vacation from home to a desirable location (e.g. Pearl Harbor).

Boopdiddle: All-inclusive word usually pertaining to something ridiculous.

Bootcamp: A term used, usually derisively, when referring to any sailor who has very little time in or a lot less time than the speaker.

Booter: A Sailor that has just reported to his first duty assignment after completing Recruit Training.

B.O.S.N.I.A.: Big Ol' Standard Navy Issue Ass.

Bosun's Punch: New sailors on ship are sometimes assigned to find this mythical tool in the office of one of the ship's Bosuns (Boatswains). The sailor is then

typically punched very hard in the shoulder by the Bosun in question.

Bounce Pattern: When several aircraft are practicing touch and go landings at the same airfield or ship.

Bow: The front of the ship. When used by lookouts, it may be preceded by port or starboard when a contact is slightly to the left or right of the bow. For example, a surface contact on the 340 relative bearing would be on the port bow.

Brain Fart: a condition when, under stress, one cannot recall or perform something that would normally be easy or second nature.

Branch: Lowest organizational level in most naval commands. Below department and division.

Bravo Foxtrot - Buddy Fucker - someone who will make himself look good at the expense of his shipmates.

Bravo Zulu: Originally "BZ" was a signal meaning "Well Done." It is sometimes co-opted by seniors praising subordinates in one form or another.

Breakaway music: Music played over the 1MC at the conclusion of an underway replenishment evolution, used to motivate the crew, but regularly fails.

Bremerlos: Large civilian women who prey on the sexual needs of unwary junior enlisted personnel. Resembling Buffalo, their original range was Bremerton, WA, but due to successful breeding with said junior enlisted personnel, have increased their range to all U.S. naval facilities.

Brig: Jail.

- o Brigchaser: A sailor escorting a prisoner to the brig.

Brightworks: Any decorative metal that must be constantly shined with Brasso or Nevr-Dull to avoid tarnishing. This undesirable duty is often performed by the most junior personnel in the command. Example: the stainless steel rails in boot camp around the galley. "Shipmate! get off my brightworks!" see also: blueworks.

Broke-dick: Technical term describing malfunctioning or inoperable equipment.
Example: "The fuckin' aux drain pump is fuckin' broke-dick."

Brown bagger: Married sailor who brings his lunch from home in a paper bag (because he is receiving a Commuted Rations or COMRATS cash allowance for his meals).

Brown Nose: Sailor trying a "little too hard" to make rate by sucking up to superiors. Can also refer to those who wear khakis (Chiefs, Officers) since it is assumed that most have "brown-nosed" to obtain their present position. Mythical rate "Chief Brownnose" or "Brownose First Class"

Brown Shoe: An officer or CPO in the Naval Aviation community. Originates from the brown shoes worn with khaki uniforms that were exclusive to aviators from 1913 to 1976 and 1985 to 1999.[1] Although all CPO's and officers may now wear either brown or black shoes, wearing brown shoes is uncommon in the non-aviation navy community and doing so is likely to get you labeled a dirtbag. Among aviators, being called a brown shoe is considered a term of endearment. See also "Black Shoe."

Brown Trout: Part of what comes out when there's a sewage spill. As the ship heaves to and fro, brown trout can actually "swim" on the deck.

Brown Water: Shallow water close to land. Also called the littorals. Smaller ships can operate in these waters.

BT Punch: Same as a Bosun's Punch, but delivered by a Boiler Technician (BT).

Bubba: Affectionate term for someone who does what you do. In aviation, someone who flies the same type of aircraft as you (Ex. He's an H-53 bubba). On subs, refers to the few oversized crewmembers who can lift the largest loads, thus getting something done. Is also a derogatory term for shipyard workers.

Bubble: The trim orientation of a submarine (e.g., 5 degree up bubble).

The Bubble: When someone is on the very edge of passing or failing at something, or when they are undecided, they are said to be on the bubble. Similar to riding the fence. Also refers to the ICCS, or Integrated Catapult Control System, which is the enclosed control room sticking out of an aircraft carrier's flight deck from which the catapult is operated.

Bubblehead: A sailor in the Submarine Service.

Budweiser: A SEAL Special Warfare insignia. Consists of a pistol, trident, and eagle.

BUF: Butt up Front. Refers to the lower part of a female overlapping stomach stuffed into a pair of utility/dungaree pants. AKA "Butt-in-front" jeans.

Buffarilla: Mixture of Buffalo and Gorilla. Result of many years of female inbreeding practiced by multiple heavyset inhabitants of the Southern United States. Habitat is usually limited to the Pascagoula, Ms. locale; however, intermarriage with drunken junior enlisted sailors resulted in wide-spread minor infestations across the lower 48 states.

Bug: Seabee Combat Warfare insignia. Consists of a 1903 Springfield rifle, officer's sword, Banana leaves, anchor, and the Seabee "bug" in the middle.

Bug Juice: Kool-Aid-like beverage in dispensers on the messdeck. Side-by-side - Orange or Red. Before the turn of the century bug juice was also used as a replacement for cleaning agents to clean decks with.

Bug Juice Sunrise: Orange with a splash of Red.

Building 20: slang for the USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20), which rarely leaves port.

Building 39: 1990s-era Naval Station Norfolk slang for the USS Emory S. Land (AS-39), which during that time period, rarely left port.

Bulkhead: Wall.

- o Bulkhead remover: an in-joke shared by veteran sailors and often delegated as a task to new sailors, as in, "Go get me a can of bulkhead remover."

Bull, aka "Bull Ensign": the senior-most Ensign onboard a surface ship. In charge of various wardroom duties, often including mentoring the junior-most Ensign (see "George") and setting up the wardroom's movie night. Originated during World War II from Admiral "Bull" Halsey's need to designate one officer to

oversee wardroom functions.

Bull Nuke: The most senior nuke onboard a nuclear-powered vessel. They are usually in charge of Reactor Department on surface ships. On submarines it refers to the senior most enlisted nuke who is an assistant to the Engineer Officer.

Bullet Sponge: U.S. Marine.

Bunny Tube: Pneumatic tube system used for sending documents such as hard copies of radio messages to and from the radio room to other areas of the ship. The containers are called "bunnies" and warning of a container being sent are given over a squawk box by, "Bunny on the run."

BUNO: short for Bureau Number - this is a 6-digit serial number assigned to every naval aircraft when it is accepted into service. In no way related to an aircraft's 3-digit "side number."

Burn a copy: Make a Xerox copy of a document or sheet of paper. (Probably goes back to Thermofax copiers.)

Burn a Flick: Watch a Movie.

Burn Bag: Trash bag for outdated or no longer needed classified materials. They are usually paper grocery bags with red and white stripes on them. The contents are actually no longer burned, though the name persists. They are almost always shredded.

Burn One: Taking a smoke break. To smoke a cigarette. "Hey man, forget what Chief said about sweeping that space, lets go burn one."

Bus Driver Uniform: The unpopular uniform, based on an officer's dress blues, which was briefly issued to recruits in the 1970s.

Buster: Proceed at max possible speed.

"Bust Me on The Surface" (Submarine Service): An expression voiced when a subordinate strongly disagrees with a superior's order (who may be under heavy situational pressure), and the subordinate takes actions he knows to be the correct procedure, counter to the order. "Bust Me On The Surface" refers to disciplinary action that could result, which would take place in the fresh air of safety that would not be reached if the original order was carried out. Rarely invoked, and the subordinate better be right. More often used as slang in less life-threatening situations.

Butt Kit: Ash tray. Aboard ship it is a can with a hole in the lid, usually hung from the bulkhead near watch stations.

Butter Bars: Refers to the gold-colored bars designating the rank of Ensign (the lowest rank for commissioned officers).

Button Crusher: Imaginary machine used by a ship's laundry to pulverize buttons. Unique in that buttons processed by a button crusher look perfectly OK when they leave the laundry but fall to pieces when touched by the recipient.

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CAG: Title used when addressing the airwing commander. It is a holdover from the days when airwings were called air groups, and stands for Commander Air Group. Can also refer to the airwing itself, as in CAG-14. See "airwing."

Cake Dryer: Imaginary appliance in a ship's galley used to dry (like toast) otherwise good pieces of cake.

Camel: The wooden floating structures, at the waterline, that separate ships tied up in a nest.

Candy-O: Candidate Officer, a trainee of Navy Officer Candidate School upon reaching the final two weeks of training.

CANEX: Cancelled Exercise. Used to refer to any event which has been cancelled, not just formal exercises.

Cann: short for cannibalize, which is the practice of using one or more of a unit's aircraft strictly for parts to keep the rest of the aircraft flying. Often the cannibalized aircraft is a "hangar queen." See "Rob"

Cannon balls: Baked, candied apples served to midshipmen at the Naval Academy on special occasions. Twelve are served per table. If one person at the table is willing to eat all 12 apples and succeeds, then he is given the honor of "carry on" (lack of harassment by upper classmen) for the remainder of the semester.

Canoe Club: The United States Navy

Canoe U: United States Naval Academy

Captain's Mast: Navy term for Nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Depending on the rank or position involved, the name of the procedure may change, i.e. Admiral's Mast, OIC's Mast.

Carrier Strike Group (CSG): See "Battle Group"

Carry on: An officers reply to a junior person's call to "attention on deck", meaning all present rise and come to attention as a sign of respect. "Carry on" allows personnel to continue whatever they were doing. Also see "cannon ball" above.

CASREP: Inoperative, casualty reported; casually, OOC (out of commission). Often jocularly applied to broken minor items not requiring any report, or to personnel on the binnacle list.

CAVU: Ceiling and Visibility Unlimited - perfect flying weather. Pronounced as "Ka-Voo", it is commonly used in sentences such as "CAVU to the Moon".

CB - Construction Battalion (pronounced Seabees)

CBC: Clean Bitches Clean. A term used to order junior sailors to clean so they can to secure for the day, or to commence field day.

Cellblock 10: Crew-coined term for the USS Juneau. Term could come from the feeling that the Juneau has the homely warmth of a prison cellblock. 10 is the vessel's hull number.

CF: (pronounced Charlie Foxtrot) Cluster fuck, meaning completely screwed up.

CFIT (pron. see-fit): Controlled Flight into Terrain - When a pilot flies a perfectly good airplane into the ground or the water. Often fatal if unanticipated.

C-GU11: Seagull. Pronounced "See-Gee-Yuu-Eleven." Similar to "bulkhead remover," an inexpensive way to derive enjoyment from inexperienced personnel on watch. "Forward lookout, keep an eye out for signs of C-GU11s in the area,

over." Also sometimes spelled C-6U11, Z-6UL1 or various L33T-like combinations.

Channel Fever: Said if a sailor is anxious when approaching port to get leave.

Sometimes cured by the "Channel Fever Shot", a slap or kick to the backside.

Charles County Crab: Throughout the years the Naval School of Explosive Ordnance Disposal has moved several times. It is currently located at Eglin AFB, Florida. The term "Charles County Crab" refers to the "crab" insignia worn by graduates of Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal, who attended training during the period of time when NAVSCHOLEOD was based at Naval Ordnance Station, Indian Head, Charles County Maryland (old school).

Charlie Foxtrot: see "clusterfuck"

Charlie Noble: The stove pipe from the mess deck, the cleaning of which is a major chore.

Charlie Oscar: Phonetic letters C and O. Refers to the Commanding Officer of a unit.

chart: what landlubbers call a "map".

charting: A practice peculiar to Operations Specialists in which they take any personal gear left unstowed by the previous watch section (usually personal coffee cups) and fling them overboard, marking the location on the chart and subsequently inform the unfortunate owner of the location, remarking that he is free to return to retrieve it at his leisure.

CHENG: Chief Engineer

Chicken Suit: Is a yellow cloth suit that is worn from head-to-toe by navy "Nukes" (see below) when cleaning up radioactive spills or are otherwise in areas that may lead to skin contamination by radioactive material. To complete the ensemble, bright orange rubber gloves are worn as well.

Chit: Name given to the document a sailor fills out to make various types of special request (i.e. emergency leave, move off base to civilian housing, etc.)

- o My Wife Chit: A special request that uses the wife as the excuse/justification for needing to be absent.

Chop, The: Supply Officer. Taken from the Supply Corps' porkchop-shaped insignia.

Chow: Food.

- o Chow Boss: Food Service Officer.
- o Chow down: Eat.
- o Chow Hall: Dining room.
- o Chow Hound: Someone who never misses a meal. A proficient chow hound generally gains membership in the Chub Club.

Chrome Dome: Bright silver helmet worn by officer candidates as part of the "poopie suit" during the first week of OCS.

Chub Club: Sailors assigned mandatory physical training due to being overweight.

Chula-juana: Derisive term for the city of Chula Vista, CA, a city where many

sailors assigned to NAVSTA San Diego live for its proximity to the base and perceived similarity to Tijuana, Mexico.

CIC: Combat Information Center - see "Combat" below

Cinderella Liberty: Liberty that expires at midnight.

CIVLANT: Form DD-214 transfers you from COMSUBLANT to CIVLANT.

CIWS (pron. sea whiz): Close in Weapon System, or Phalanx gun, is intended to shoot down incoming missiles, but is frequently under repair.

Cleaning Stations: Hour-long field day evolution where everyone drops what they're doing and cleans their spaces. See "XO's Happy Hour"

Clinometer: 1. (Also known as an inclinometer) An instrument for measuring angles of slope (or tilt), elevation or inclination of an object with respect to gravity. 2. An instrument used on shipboard to indicate the approximate amount of vomit being produced by the ship's crew.

Clobbered: When the landing pattern or the comms frequency at a field or ship is filled to capacity and you can't get an aircraft or a word in.

Clusterfuck: Term used to describe an evolution that has gone awry.

Coastie: A Coast Guardsman.

COB: (Submarine Service) Chief of the Boat; a chief (generally a Master or Senior Chief) specifically assigned to the submarine to liaise between the CO and the crew of the boat. Such a good idea, that the surface fleet borrowed it, mucked it up, and created the CMC program.

COD: Carrier Onboard Delivery - the mighty C-2 Greyhound, which ferries people and supplies to and from the carrier on a regular basis. The C-2 Greyhound COD was preceded in service by the smaller C-1 Trader (photo) COD aircraft.

Coffin Locker: A personal storage area located underneath a sailor's rack (see below).

Cold Shot: A catapult launch from a carrier in which insufficient speed is attained to generate lift. Often fatal for the aircrew if they do not eject in time.

Combat: Short for Combat Information Center (CIC). This space is a nexus where all of the ship's sensors and weapons systems come together. The room is filled with various screens and displays, and the Tactical Action Officer (TAO) "fights the ship" from there.

Combat Dump: Evacuating the bowels right before a flight or a mission. Also called "putting the marines ashore" or "drowning an O-4."

Combo Cover: Short for Combination Cover, which is a type of hat worn by chiefs and officers. It is circular on top and covered with white or khaki fabric. On the front you'll find the officer's crest or the (senior or master) chief's insignia. Below that there is a chin strap and a black brim.

Commodore: Title of the Captain (O-6) in charge of a squadron of ships or submarines or a wing of the same type of aircraft. Prior to 1984 this was the designation given to the lowest rank of flag officer (O-7 or one-star). However there was occasional confusion with the other military branches over whether a

Commodore was a flag officer. To be more inline with the other services, the US Navy changed the one-star title to Rear Admiral, Lower Half.

- o Commodore: The title given for any Captain embarked upon a naval vessel that he is not the CO of the unit, even if the CO of the unit is a Commander, he is the "Captain". There can be only one Captain. This most commonly occurs on submarines and destroyers.

COMNAVFUDGE PAC: Pejorative for any suspected homosexual sailor onboard a ship or station. Derives from the acronym "COMNAVSURFPAC" (Commander, Naval Surface Forces, Pacific), with the humorous reference to "fudge-pack[ing]."

Comp Time: Compensation Time, time/days off during week for shore-based sailors who had weekend assignments, above and beyond mere watch-standing.

Comshaw: Other than ethical means of procurement

Coner: (Submarine Service) A submarine crewman who is not part of the engineering department (slang for Nuke below), especially Torpedomen. Also known as "Forward Pukes" and "Fags" (see below)

Corpsman Candy: Sore-throat lozenges handed out at sick bay in lieu of any substantive treatment. Sometimes accompanied by two aspirin.

Countersunk Sailor: Female sailor.

Cover: Hat - see "piss cutter" and "combo cover"

The COW: The Commanding Officer's Wife

Crab: affectionate slang term for the warefare insignia/ badge worn by special operations personnel qualified in Explosive Ordnance Disposal (BOMB SQUAD).

Cracker Jacks: Slang for the dress blue uniforms worn by sailors E-6 and below. (see Marine Corps Table Cloth)

Crack House: Designated smoking area aboard ship that is not a weatherdeck space. Quickly fills with a haze of smoke. Also called "Crack shack".

Crank: See "Mess Crank"

Crash & Smash: Permanently assigned flight deck firefighting personnel. Also, a game played by aviation personnel involving several long tables and a great deal of beer, wherein the aviators attempt to replicate with their bodies the arrested landings their aircraft make.

Crazy Ivan: (Submarine Service), demonstrated in the movie The Hunt for Red October. Russian submarines would quickly turn 180 degrees while underway to see whether any American submarines were following. Collisions occasionally resulted during the Cold War.

Creamed foreskins: creamed chipped beef.

Cripler: Tripler Army Medical Center, Oahu, scourge of sailors at Pearl Harbor.

Crotch Crickets: Pubic lice, a/k/a Crabs.

Crow: Black eagle for petty officer rank used on a white uniform

Crow Fever: A term when a sailor reaches E-4 and lets the limited authority of the rank go to his head, causing him to go mad with petty power.

Cruise: A 6-month (or longer) deployment on a ship. Work-ups precede cruise.
o Cruise sock: A sock that is sacrificed early in a deployment and used to clean up after masturbating. It is usually kept under the mattress and can stand up on its own by the end of cruise.

Crunch: Aircraft handling mishap that results in structural damage to one or more aircraft.

Crunchies: Marines or soldiers. Derived from the sound they make when tanks roll over them.

Crusty: A term applied to an old, seasoned sailor when he is beyond salty. It's time for him to retire, but he can't seem to let go, and the Navy forgot he was still around (frequently the case with geriatric Senior Chiefs). Can also describe a sailor's underwear, when that sailor has bowel control problems and personal hygiene problems.

Cryppy/Cryppy Critter: Cryptographer, also seen on a highway near the Cryptography School in San Angelo, Texas without vowels, as CRYPPY CRTTR.

Cum Dumpster: A derogatory term for a woman, used by sailors who are looking for a quick sexual release after an extended period of celibacy.

CUNT: Civilian Under Naval Training

Cunt Cover: See "Piss Cutter"

Cut orders (for transfer, travel): Before photocopiers were common, such were prepared by typing a mimeo or ditto master, due to the number of copies required. (Term may be obsolete today.)

CVIC: (pron. "civic") Carrier Intelligence Center - centrally located space on an aircraft carrier occupied by intelligence officers and IS's. Flight crews often go there to debrief after a flight. The most useful thing in CVIC is usually the high-speed industrial strength paper shredder.

D

Danger Nut: A "fun" game in which one or more sailors place a washer or nut around a rod or similar metal device and then hold it to a HP Air hose, 125-700 psi. The washer or nut spins wildly due to the high pressure air venting. Once it reaches a high enough speed, the rod is turned so that the air blows the object completely off the rod and around the machinery room. At which point A-Gangers giggle and try to hide behind the EOG. Thus the beloved name, "DANGER NUT".

DCA: Damage Control Assistant, usually is a junior officer.

D.C. Dink: A sailor who has failed to qualify in Damage Control in the stipulated time period and has become "Damage Control Delinquent".

D.B.F.: (Diesel Boats Forever) unauthorized pin showing a non-nuclear submarine. Originally intended by the makers to be awarded whenever a nuclear boat went brokedick and a diesel boat had to fill its role. Later co-opted by the diesel fleet at large and sailors began wearing the pin with stars for each diesel boat they served on, rather than each emergency deployment due to nuclear boat

breakdowns.

DDA: Day Dick-Around: In naval aviation, a DDA is a very enjoyable flight during the day when there is no real mission or training to accomplish. The purpose of the flight is to burn gas or hours, often before the end of a quarter or fiscal year.

Death Pillows: Ravioli

Death Pucks: Hamburger Patty

Deck: Floor.

Deck Ape: Non-designated enlisted person serving on the deck force, often as result of washing out of "A" school or being stripped of another rating.

Deep Six: Obsolete term for throwing something overboard; refers to the "deep six", the lowest fathom (six feet) before the ocean floor. Has been mostly replaced by Float Checking (see below). Is now generally used to refer to getting rid of something in any manner, including Personnel, for example - "Deep six your porn, Inspection at 0630" See also: Float Test

- o Deep/Black Water OPs: Throwing things over the side when not authorized, such as trash or broken furniture

Department: Highest organizational level in most naval commands. Common departments are admin, deck, engineering, operations, and maintenance. Broken up into divisions.

Deployment: When your unit travels "over the horizon" and operates at the "pointy end of the spear" in support of national security. Most naval deployments last a minimum of six months (if you're lucky!). Work-ups precede deployment. See "cruise."

Det: Short for detachment. When part of a unit leaves and operates at another ship or base. Also used in reference to some "workups" that involve the entire unit. Ex. NAS Fallon det.

Devil Doc: Term used by Marines to describe Corpsman that they like within Fleet Marine Force Units.

Dick Skinners: hands i.e. "get your dick skimmers off my white hat"

Dicking the dog: putting "half-assed" effort into a task (refers to improperly securing the "dogs" on a watertight hatch when passing through. Such a lax procedure could spell doom for a sinking ship if hatches were not absolutely watertight). Also said as "poking the poodle". Not to be confused with "screwing the pooch" which refers to royally messing up a task.

Dicksmith: Yet another derogatory term for hospital corpsmen.

Dig-it: Someone who loves the Navy ("digs it"). Also a shortened form of "dig-it tool," a device such as a Leatherman or Gerber multi-tool often carried by those who love the Navy.

Dilbert: Fictional and clueless cartoon character used in WWII era training material to demonstrate what NOT to do in naval aviation. Dilbert often paid dearly for his ignorance, lack of attention to detail, or carelessness.

Dilbert Dunker: Device used in water survival training ("swims") to teach

aviators how to get out of the cockpit of a fixed-wing aircraft that has crashed or ditched at sea. Much easier than the dreaded "helo dunker."

DILDO: Direct Input Limited Duty Officer - A civilian teacher hired to train nuclear-field candidates in theoretical math, physics, chemistry, materials, and thermodynamics. The commission was given specifically to these teachers in order for them to have some disciplinary tools and rank above their students. Commissions were for a set amount of time and these teachers did not have normal line officer duties.

D.I.L.L.I.G.A.F: (Do I Look Like I Give A Fuck?), A term indicating supreme indifference; "Gaffer".

Ding: Similar to "hit" (see below). Also, to cause minor damage to something (Ex. He dinged his aileron when he had a birdstrike on final to the boat.)

Dining-in/Dining-out: Social functions, usually for officers and chiefs, where dinner dress is worn and certain "rules of the mess" are followed. Generally presided over by the Executive Officer (XO) and run by a Chief of Junior Officer (JO) called "Mr. Vice," these events can become quite rowdy and raucous. The difference between the two is that significant others may attend dining-outs. Dining- ins are for the servicemembers only.

Dink: Acronym for married servicemembers with no children - Dual Income No Kids.

Dinq: (pronounced "Dink") Acronym for Delinquent In Qualifications. Ex: "That shitbird is dinq on ship's quals!"

Also Delinquent In Nuclear Quals

Dipper: An anti-submarine helo with a variable depth dipping SONAR. See "Dome."

Dirka: Any term referring to the language, money, or products of the Middle East.

Dirtbag: A lazy and almost useless sailor. Produces substandard work-usually creating extra work for his shipmates. Accompanied by a bad attitude and desire to leave service ASAP.

Dirty-dicking: Wiping one's genital organ around the inside of a senior enlisted or officer's coffee cup. Laughter ensues when the junior crewmen watch the senior victim "enjoying" their beverage.

Dirty-shirt wardroom: (Aircraft Carrier): Forward wardroom for pilots wearing (sweaty) flight gear. As opposed to formal ship's wardroom.

Dirt Sailor: Nickname for Seabees who spend most of their time in a fox hole and never set foot on a ship.

Disbo: Short for Disbursing Officer.

DISCO: Short for Disciplinary Officer. Usually works with Ship's JAG Officer

Ditch: To intentionally crash land an aircraft as "gently" as possible - usually into the water. This is generally done when fuel is almost all used up with no hope of making it to a safe landing area, or when a slowly developing but potentially fatal emergency is going on.

Dit Dot Bomb: a form of hazing by taking the round paper cutouts left from a hole punch and putting them in a box or other container rigged to open and rain down on another. Mixing with shredded paper will give a greater effect.

DITE (pronounced Dite) acronym for "Dick in the eye" Usually reserved for undesirable tasks forced on one by superiors "The weps is throwing some major league DITE our way, but we'll take care of it."

Ditty Bag: The term is at least 207 years old and originates with our seafarers, and not, as is supposed by some, with our 20th century armies. Ditty bag was originally called 'ditto bag' because it contained at least two of everything: two needles, two spools of thread, two buttons, etc. With the passing of years, the 'ditto' was dropped in favor of 'ditty' and remains so today. Before World War I, the Navy issued ditty boxes made of wood and styled after foot lockers. These carried the personal gear and some clothes of the sailor. Today, the ditty bag is still issued to recruits and contains a sewing kit, toiletry articles, and personal items such as writing paper and pens.

Ditty bag (usage varied): An issued sewing kit, kit of toiletries, or some combination. Occasionally: Any mesh bag, from the use of such to contain soiled laundry. (In days of yore before ample fresh water, such bags were pulled alongside for seawater rinsing.)

Divers: Word passed every 15-minutes when divers are working over the side of a ship. "Divers. There are divers working aboard USS <ship's name>. Do not rotate screws, cycle rudders, take suction from or discharge to the sea or throw anything over the side while diver's are working aboard USS <ship's name>".

Division: Middle organizational level in most naval commands, below department and above branch. Usually headed by a junior officer (JO). Common divisions are powerplants, airframes, 1st Lieutenant, etc... Divisions are sometimes divided into branches. A ship may have 1st and 2nd Divisions on the deck, M(Machinery) division and E(electrical) division, and Auxiliaries Division in engineering, Combat Systems division, and Weapons division as examples.

- o DIVO: DIVision Officer. See above.

Dixie Cup: The canvas white hat Sailors wear with their dress uniforms.

DFOB: (pronounced "dee fob") Dumbest Fuck On Board.

Dock jumpers: The unfortunates who would have to leap ashore to tie up when no "line handlers" are available.

Dog: A Soft Serve Ice Cream machine. Named from the appearance of the Chocolate flavor in relation to a product of man's best friend. Also referred to as auto dog.

- o Dog: To close or "dog down" a water tight hatch.
- o Dog: When one is overworked by a pissed off superior ("The chief completely dogged us."), screwed over by a peer ("That brown-nosing little prick found my apple jack, so he went to the MAA and dogged me.") , or, conversely, as a promise of impending doom ("Just wait until I get you in my galley, you little shitbird... I will dog you out".)

- o Dog Log: An "unofficial" log which is kept by watch standers to record the important social events on the ship, such as: "STG3 Dirty Douche was caught with a fellow shipmate in coitus." It is vital entertainment for shipmates stuck on duty in exotic ports while the rest of the ship gets shit-faced. It can also contain humorous drawings of the LPO, CPO, or DIVO. It is therefore an unauthorized piece of "gear adrift" that is usually hidden in various stations so as not to be found by the meddling higher ups.
- Dog Vomit: A breakfast item in the same category as Shit on A Shingle. A mealy paste of tomato juice and hamburger, with bits of leftovers from the previous day's evening meal. Usually served on toast.
- Dolphins: (Submarine Service) Submarine Qualification Device, called dolphins because of the dolphin fish used in the design.
- Dome: A SONAR transmitter/receiver. It may be fixed, as in those mounted on the bow of a ship below the waterline, or mobile like those "dipped" by anti-submarine helos.
- Donkey-Dick: Term used for many nozzle shaped implements.
- Dopey: Green log book hidden somewhere in an engineering space that sailors often write in to vent frustration in the form of prose, poetry or even drawings and cartoons. The information in the dopey could often lead to charges of mutiny and sedition if found. The location is usually well guarded against discovery by senior personnel.
- Double-Digit Midget: Less than 100 days to EAOS. Also known as a "Two-Digit Midget"; pick your own favorite alliteration.
- Double Nuts: Name given to the (usually brightly painted) CAG bird in each squadron in the airwing - so called because the side number ends with double zeros.
- Double Ugly: Nickname for the F-4 Phantom back in the day
- Douche Kit: Container (usually zipper closed) for toilet articles such as shaving cream, deoderant, after shave lotion, etc.
- Down: Not working, out of commission, broken, "broke-dick." In aviation, non-flyable, usually for maintenance reasons. When applied to an aviator, it means not allowed to fly. This can be for a variety of reasons: medical, personal, disciplinary, etc... In flight training, a down is a failed flight.
- DRB: Disciplinary Review Board. Composed of Chief Petty Officers, a sailor who has committed some infraction usually stands before this board to have his case heard. The board will either dismiss the case (with or without informal punishment) or recommend further review by the XO or the CO.
- Drift Count: Monitoring the movement of the ship while at anchor.
- Drifty: Sailor lacking the ability to stay focused while attempting to perform a given task. (Petty Officer to sailor, is there something the matter with you ? you are acting drifty today!)
- o Drifter: Sailor who at all times lacks the ability to stay focused. Also called drift-pack, or in the very extreme case "COMNAVDRIFTPAC", a

parody of COMNAVSURFPAC.

Drop a Chit: The act of filling out a chit.

Drop your cocks and grab your socks: A saying that the petty officer of the watch yells in the sleeping quarters when it's time for everyone to get up. Often done in boot camp.

Duck Dinner: Slang for Dishonorable Discharge.

Dynamited Chicken: Chicken a la King or Chicken Cacciatore.

E

EAOS: End of Active Obligated Service. This is the normal end of enlistment unless the person reenlists. At this point the sailor is transferred into a non-active reserve status if they have spent less the eight years active duty for a length of time to result in eight years total active service or reserves and non-active reserves.

Earth Sack: Pile of shit or turd.

EAWS: Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist. Often pronounced "A-wis".

Ed's Motel: Navy Filmmakers' acronym for Editorials, Motion Picture, and Television Department.

Emergency Blow (Submarine Service); Also known as "Hittin' the Chicken Switches": When a submarine is made to rapidly blow all the seawater out of her main ballast tanks; this results in a rapid (and uncontrolled) ascent to the surface. This makes an impressive display as the sub breaks the surface, as seen on TV: few submariners have ever seen this big splash, except on TV. The only thing submarine crewmen get to see during an emergency blow is: (1) the depth gauge moving counter-clockwise towards surface depth, and (2) all the unsecured gear hitting the overhead when surface depth is achieved. Performing this maneuver beneath other ships is not a good idea (see USS Greenville for details).

End-of-the-World Party: A party for a sailor who is about to leave on a cruise, often much like a bachelor party. It is said that this tradition originates with Vikings, who believed that they might sail off the end of world.

Ensign Upper Half: Alternative designation for those who fail to live up to the standards of O-2.

E-Nothin: Used to describe a junior Seaman. Usually reserved for someone right out of bootcamp or A school.

Enswine: Derogatory term for an ensign.

EMI: Extra Military Instruction. Extra work, usually as dirty as possible, assigned as punishment for minor infractions.

EOOW: Engineering Officer of the Watch.

ESFOAD: Eat Shit, Fuck Off, And Die

ESWS: Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist. Often pronounced "E-swas".

E-ticket: When an officer has sex with an enlisted sailor it is referred to as the officer "getting his/her e-ticket punched."

Even Numbered Chief: Pejorative for an E-8 who, through his own ineptitude, is unable to advance to E-9 and who refuses to let E-7's be. Lonestar.

Evolution: Navy preferred term for exercise.

Expire Before Your ID Card: To die before being discharged.

F

FAG: Fighter Attack Guy - an F/A-18 Hornet/Super Hornet pilot or naval flight officer ("NFO"). Also a "Fine Academy Graduate" used as a derogatory term to refer to graduates of the Naval Academy. Also "Forward Area Guy" used as derogatory term for submarine personnel other than engineering department, brought upon due to a COB's ban of the term "Coner" (see above).

F.A.W.C.U. (pronounced Fuck you) (Submarine Service): Focused After Watch Clean Up: usually between 1 to 2 hours of "Field Day" after every watch rotation.

Fart sack: Canvas mattress cover. (In cold conditions sailors would sleep inside them for extra warmth.)

Fart Suit: Dry suit worn by aviators when flying over extremely cold water.

Keeps out the cold water and keeps everything else in.

Father: the navigational aid (TACAN) on the Aircraft Carrier (a.k.a. Mother).

Father's Day: The most confusing day in any Wardroom. There is a reason you call them 'sir'.

FEP: Fitness Enhancement Program. Mandatory physical training regimen designed to return sailors to within physical readiness standards. Also refers to sailors who are enrolled in the program... (derogatory acronym for: Fat Enlisted People / Forced Exercise Program". See "Chub Club".

Field Day: All hands clean-up. usually lasts on a good day about 3-4 hours. (30 min of cleaning and 2-4 hours of fucking off.)

Field Survey: To discard a worn-out item ("in the field," often off the end of the pier) instead of submitting for formal "survey" to determine redistribution or disposal. Sometimes items handed down to a needier local unit.

F.I.G.M.O.: (Fuck It, Got My Orders, pronounced fig-mo); refusal of a long or tough assignment near the end of a duty rotation. Also seen as a name badge at this time, so officers/petty officers will forget your real name.

Fighting gear: eating utensils.

Filipino Mafia: Any group of sailors of Filipino descent at a command, often accused of favoritism and shady practices.

Filthy Fifteen: The fifteen recruits assigned to maintain cleanliness of the compartment head for the division in boot camp.

Five and Dimes: A watch rotation where the sailor or watch team stand five hours of watch, then have ten hours off (to clean, perform maintenance, train, get qualified, conduct drills, take care of divisional business or their collateral duty, eat, shower, and occasionally sleep). This follows from a three-section watch rotation, and results in the sailor standing watch at a different time every day and night, repeating every three days.

Fish: (Submarine Service) See Dolphins, above. Also "torpedo".

Flag Deck: command level on large ships for Admirals (flag rank, because they

are entitled to show a flag with appropriate number of stars on a car, ship, etc. if they are present)

Flail: An action taken by leadership that is a major response to an extremely minor problem. The orders given usually do not address the original problem at all.

FlailEx: a pointless, flailing Exercise. See "flail".

Flathatting: Flying in a dangerous manner and performing unsafe and unnecessary maneuvers for the purpose of thrillseeking or fun.

Flattop: Aircraft carrier. Also the haircut worn by truly motivated sailors.

Fleet Up: When a second in command takes his senior's place upon that senior's transfer, retirement, or other re-assignment.

Fleet Meat: Term used by male sailors to describe sexually active female sailors.

Fleet Tac: Fleet Tactical radio frequency. This frequency is supposed to be monitored by every US and NATO ship in the world at all times. In reality, this is rarely the case.

Flight Deck Buzzard: chicken (food).

Flight Line: The area on a ship or station where aircraft are made ready for flight. Also used as a prank on gullible new sailors, as in "Go get me 100 feet of flight line from the crash shack."

Flip me for it: Pulling rank, with the senior sailor obscuring his crow/anchor as if revealing the side of a coin.

Float Check (also Flotation Testing): Throwing something overboard.

Float Test:(Submarine Service) A game usually played by the Topside and Pier Rover. In which items known not to float are thrown or pushed from topside or the pier. I.E. TDU Weights, Compressors, Valves, Level Parts with no tag, etc.

Float she may, shine she must: May be heard from grumbling enlisted when the command decides that ship cleanliness takes precedence over all else. "I have maintenance to do. Why are we out here field-daying the p-way?"

Floating Bellhop: Derisive Army term for sailor.

Float Coat: Jacket worn by almost all personnel on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier during flight operations. Should a sailor find himself blown overboard, the float coat will automatically inflate flotation bladders when it hits salt water. This garment also contains signalling devices and manual inflation tubes. The jackets come in different colors to identify the crewmember's job on the flight deck. See "skittles"

Flying Bravo: Menstruating; from the signal flag.

Fo'c's'le Follies: A gathering of all the aviators in the airwing in the carrier's fo'c's'le (forecastle). The CAG, ship's CO, and battle group admiral are also usually invited and present. The "official" reason for this event is to hand out awards to the top aviators. The most enjoyable parts are the "roll calls" from each squadron, and the skits that two or three of the squadrons perform. If the roll call or the skit fails to amuse the rest of the airwing, the offending squadron is booed and belittled mercilessly. Follies are held about every 6 to 8 weeks while on

deployment.

FNG: Fuckin' New Guy - self-explanatory. Pronounced "effin-g".

Fobbit: ANY person who won't leave the security of a Forward Operating Base (FOB), except in an overly secure convoy to go to another FOB. Generally denotes someone who has "no clue" that there is a war going on and is viewed by troops in the field as incompetent. Associates itself with the term "Hobbit"- short, fat, scared guy who just wants to go home.

FOAD: Fuck Off And Die

FOD: Foreign Object Damage. Caused by Foreign Object Debris, such as nuts, bolts, or anything that could be sucked into a jet engine, damaging it. At aviation commands, FOD can also describe a worthless individual, i.e. "If Airman Smith isn't in this shop in 5 minutes, write that piece of FOD up."

FOD Walk Down: A periodic, organized search on an aircraft carrier flight deck, hangar deck, or runway looking for debris that a jet engine might ingest.

Form: Short for formation. This is when two or more aircraft or ships maneuver in close proximity while maintaining constant relative positions to each other.

Foot Soldier: A term used for a Navy female who has no car but will sleep with her male counterparts for a ride.

Forward: The direction towards the bow of the ship (if you are walking towards the bow, you are going forward). May also be used as a relative indicator (as in the "forward berthing areas" or the "forward mess decks").

Four (4) by Eight (8) Watch: The worst watch section to be in because your first watch is 0400 to 0800, then you work your duty station until 1600, followed by your second watch 1600 to 2000, every day.

Foxtrot Uniform: The polite phonetic pronunciation of saying "Fuck You"

FRED: F*ckin' Retarded Enlisted Dude

FRED: Fuckin' Ridiculous Electronic Device, or the Computer guided self training system in B.E.E. (read "B Double E") Basic Electronics and Electricity School, the "Prep School" for most every Electrical or Electronics "A" School specialty.

Freeboard: On a ship or boat, this is the vertical distance between the waterline and the "gunwale" (see below).

Freq: (pron. freak) Short for frequency

Frock: A procedure in the Navy allowing a recently advanced sailor to wear the insignia of the next higher pay grade (and enjoy the privileges thereto) before he has officially been advanced to that grade. Frocking is generally accompanied by the informal ceremony of "tacking on" your crow (q.v.).

FRS: Fleet Replacement Squadron - see "RAG" below

FTN: Fuck the Navy (common epithet used when complaining about naval policies or regulations). Often scrawled on the walls of toilet stalls by sailors who have been assigned to clean it for a reason. Also can refer to "Free The Nukes," referring to sailors in the nuclear power field. Also refers to a mythical rate or ship type an "FTN Striker" says he/she is trying to get in (i.e. Fleet Tug-Nuclear,

Fire Technician-Nuclear)

- o FTN Striker: Sailor whose stated goal/desire is get discharged

F.U.B.A.: Female of Unusually Broad Ass. Navy female with said condition.

F.U.B.A.R.: Fouled up beyond all repair, Fucked up beyond all recognition.

(Foobar){Fucked up beyond all recognition}

F.U.B.I.J.A.R.: Fuck You Buddy, I'm Just A Reservist ("backbone of the Navy")

F.U.B.Y.O.Y.O.: Fuck U Buddy, You're On You're Own (self explanatory)

F.U.P.A.: Fat Upper Pussy Area, pronounced foopa. A pejorative term referring to an overweight female sailor and the bulge that protrudes from ill fitting pants.

Fuck the mission, clean the position: Break out the swabs.

Fuck You, strong message follows: Seen on a numerical list of epithet substitutions (the unauthorized "Falcon Code," derived from the "Charlie Echo" code), especially transmitted over radio, which has to stay clean

FuFu Juice: Perfume or cologne

Fun Boss: Morale, Welfare and Recreation Officer

Fun Meter: Fictitious gauge that shows the amount of mirth one is experiencing in any given situation. Most often used sarcastically to express extreme boredom or disinterest. "Please end this redass of an AOM. My fun meter is pegged!" See "suck meter"

G

Gaff Off: When a junior person ignores or purposely fails to show proper respect to a senior person. Examples may include blowing off an assigned task, not saluting, or using improper forms of address. Also refers to signing undeserved signatures on a qualification card. Can also refer to blazing logs or maintenance.

Gastro: General term for Gastroenteritis, or food-poisoning underway.

Gator-Freighter: Ship used in amphibious warfare, or generally the transportation of marines and their equipment. Especially, a carrier-like vessel (amphibious assault ship) whose primary purpose is to put ass in the grass.

Galley: Crews' mess, or dining area. Place where food is prepared for consumption.

Gank: To steal something. Most often used to describe taking cleaning gear from other divisions or other "ganking" useless items. i.e. pens, random things from the galley or messdecks, cleaning gear and/or gear adrift

GCE: Gross Conceptual Error. This grading remark often appears on nuke-school exams. See also "ATFQ".

Gear adrift: Loose or unsecured gear or equipment. Also a less-than-flattering assessment of a sailor "Seaman Jones is gear adrift!"

- o Gear Adrift: referring to Equipment, items, objects, geegaws, or anything else that can be acquired through judicious use of the saying "Gear Adrift, Must be a gift"

Geedunk: Candy, or a place that sells candy in a short form of Gedunk bar. Also "ice cream".

General Quarters: (GQ) Every sailor has an assigned duty station to be manned

during an emergency (AKA "Battlestations").

George: The juniormost officer onboard a surface ship. Also spelled "JORG", meaning Junior Officer Requiring Guidance.

Gerbil: Cordon Bleu. Named so since it looks like a deep fried gerbil.

Gerbil Alley: Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates. The only guaranteed port visit during any Med deployment.

Gerbil Gym: Exercise space on board ship with treadmills, stationary bikes, and elliptical trainers - all pieces of equipment on which you perform motions that should move you to another place, but you remain in the same position like a gerbil on its wheel.

Getting Slant-Eyed: Masturbating.

Get your khakis: A term used when enlisted personnel sleep with officers, generally happens between low ranking enlisted personnel and low ranking officers.

Ghetto: Open-bay barracks, usually reserved for single sailors who are in transit or otherwise temporarily assigned there.

Ghost turd: The sailor's term for a dust bunny.

Gig line: The visual line formed by uniform zipper, belt buckle, and buttoned shirt seam. Also used as another in-joke to send new sailors on a wild goose chase. See bulkhead remover.

GITMO: Guantanamo Bay Naval Station on Cuba, which had a shorthand designation of GTMO.

glasses: binoculars

Goat Herder: Any man (or woman) aboard the ship that spends his or her free time "slinging game" on boat goats or boat ho's.

Goat locker: Lounge or galley for the exclusive use of Chiefs.

Goat rope or goatfuck: Any situation that is "FUBAR."

Goes Away: What happens to an enemy aircraft when it is hit by a missile

Goggles: Short for Night Vision Goggles, which greatly amplify ambient light allowing the user to see in a green monochrome at night.

Golden Dragon: A sailor who has crossed the Prime Meridian or the International Date Line into the Eastern Hemisphere.

Golden rivet: Folklore that every ship is built containing a single, commemorative "golden rivet"

Golden Shellback: A sailor who has crossed the equator at the 180th Meridian twice or has gone through the ritual twice.

The Goo: Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC). When an aviator flies an aircraft into the clouds, can no longer see the earth or the horizon, and is dependent on instruments for navigation, he is said to be "in the goo." This is usually done intentionally when flying with an Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flight plan, but can lead to high "pucker factor" when it is done accidentally.

Good Humor Man: Reference to the Summer White uniform. This is an all-white short sleeve cotton uniform that makes the wearer look suspiciously like the ice

cream man.

Goon It Up or Gooned Up: To execute poorly a task that is generally routine or commonplace. (Ex. He really gooned up that landing.)

Gouge: The inside scoop, the skinny, the low-down. Only the information you need to know in a given situation, with nothing else to waste your time. Some black shoes say "Live by the gouge, die by the gouge." Aviators correctly say "Live by the gouge, EXCEL by the gouge."

Grape: (Submarine Service) Easy as pie, man. Examples: "This is grape duty" or "That was a grape sig, you jerk." Latter example can be translated as "Bravo Zulu, shipmate!!" (See Bravo Zulu, above). (Also see "sig" below).

- o Grape: (Aviation Service) A sailor in an aviation fuels rating. So named because of the purple flight deck jersey.

Great Mistakes: common epithet used when complaining about RTC/NTC Great Lakes Illinois

Green Scrubby: Mildly abrasive scouring pad. Also called a "Greeny Weeny". It's green, of course.

Green Table Tea Party: Captain's Mast, Non Judicial Punishment (see "Mast" below)

Grinder: A place at boot camp, normally a parking lot, where the company commander makes you do pushups, other forms of exercise, etc when you screw up.

Gripe: slang for a MAF (Maintenance Action Form), which is written when something is wrong with an aircraft.

Grog: Initially, this referred to the watered down rum ration given daily to sailors in the Royal Navy. Presently in the USN, it refers to the alcoholic brew offered at social events like "dining-ins" and "dining-outs." Depending on the wardroom and in particular on the person preparing the grog, it may be pleasant and delicious or one of the most foul and disgusting beverages ever conceived.

Gronk: (Submarine Service) when a bolt or nut has been or is in process of being tightened so much that the operator of the wrench or ratchet sees stars when applying. "Who the Fuck gronked this nut on so tight?" See "Star tight"

Ground-Pounder: Navy term for the Army or Marines, specifically infantry. Generally pejorative.

G.U.A.M.: "Giving Up and Masturbating"--common sailor's complaint about being stationed on the remote island of Guam.

- o G.U.A.M.: Give Us American Money

Guard: Standardized emergency radio frequencies that are constantly monitored by ships and aircraft. High Frequency (HF) guard is 40.5 MHz, Very High Frequency (VHF) guard is 121.5 MHz, and Ultra High Frequency (UHF) guard is 243.0 MHz. See "Air Force Common"

Gulfport Slam Hound: Derogatory term given to local women by Navy Seabees stationed in Gulfport, MS. See: Local talent.

Gumby Suit: Brightly colored, puffy anti-exposure survival suit somewhat

resembling the claymation character with the same name.

Gundeck: to juryrig something; falsifying or misrepresenting records and reports.

The term originates from the days of sail, when ships would sometimes paint black squares along the hull to represent more gun ports than they actually had.

Gun Boss: Weapons Department head.

Guns: a sailor in the Gunner's Mate rating.

Gunwale: (pronounced "gunnel") The top of the hull portion of a ship that runs down the port and starboard sides.

Gussy: USS Augusta

Gyrene: derogatory Navy term for a U.S. Marine. Also called "Jarheads"

H

HAC: (pronounced "hack") Helicopter Aircraft Commander - the pilot in command of a helo.

Hack: Unofficial punishment confining an officer to his stateroom, usually during a port call.

Halfway-Night: (Submarine Service) Party night on pre-determined halfway point of boat's patrol. Tenderloin and lobster, frozen, but good.

Haji: Anything Middle Eastern in origin. See Abu Dhabi.

Hamster: chicken cordon bleu that is shaped like a deep fried hamster served on board naval submarines.

Hangar Queen: an aircraft that is chronically down or "broke-dick." These aircraft are often used for parts to keep the rest of the aircraft flying. See "Cann"

Haole: Pronounced "How-Lee" Hawaiian term for non-native. A dangerous thing for a sailor to be around Pearl Harbor as some of the natives see them as easy targets for crime, especially when local law-enforcement doesn't seem to care.

Happy Sock: A soft sock brought for personal use by a sailor underway, or a Seabee in the field.

Hatch: a vertical access for traveling between decks. Also used to describe a door.

Haze Gray and Underway: Surface ships in arduous duty at sea, in contrast to aircraft carriers or submarines, or naval units in ceremonial roles or in port. It is a term of tribal pride and identification, e.g. surface ship crew use it to distinguish themselves from submarine crew or aircraft carrier crew.

For more details on this topic, see Haze gray and underway.

HAZREP: HAZard REPort - a safety message generated after an unsafe incident that is released to the rest of the fleet so as to prevent the incident from happening again.

Head: Bathroom - The term comes from the days of sail, because wind would blow from the rear of the ship to the front. The bathroom would be located at the front, "Head", of the ship to carry the foul smell of excrement away from the crew.

Heat Shield: anyone who is a complete and total fuck-up, and is always in trouble with the LPO, Chief, CO, etc... So called because he keeps the heat off everyone

else in the organization. It is good to have one or two of these individuals around.

Helm: Steering wheel of a ship

Heisman: A position assumed by many young women when approached by sailors on liberty; legs crossed, one arm covering the breasts and the other straight out for a block, just like the Heisman Trophy.

Helmet Fire: When a pilot becomes so task-saturated in the cockpit that he loses the big picture and situational awareness (SA). Often leads to mistakes that can produce lethal results.

Helo (pron. hee-low): term applied to all naval helicopters (from the standard message abbreviation HELO). Calling a naval helicopter anything other than a helo, and especially a "chopper," is grounds for a serious beat-down.

Helo Dunker: Dreaded training device that all naval aircrew and pilots must endure every few years when they complete water survival training, or "swims." Designed to simulate crashing a helo at sea, it is basically a huge metal drum with seats and windows that is lowered into a pool and then flipped upside down with the "passengers" strapped into it. There are generally four runs that must be successfully completed. Two of these are blindfolded. It is not fun.

Here today, GUAM tomorrow: received orders from one island to another island, as in ADAK to GUAM.

Hinge: slang for an O-4, or Lieutenant Commander (LCDR). So called because of the lobotomy that is supposedly mandated as soon as a naval officer is promoted to this rank, in which half of his brain is removed. A hinge is then inserted that allows for reattachment of the removed gray matter later. The hinge also limits the LCDR's head movement to the fore-aft axis. This is clearly demonstrated as the O-4 is constantly nodding in the affirmative and saying "Yes sir, yes sir..." when in the presence of the CO.

Hit: a discrepancy or failing mark during an inspection. (Ex. He took a hit on his personnel inspection for his unshined shoes.) See "ding"

Hit The Beach: liberty

HMFIC: Head Mother Fucker In Charge, Slang for the sailor who is in charge of an evolution

Hockey pucks: Swedish meatballs (also, trail markers, porcupines, road apples).

The Hole: Area on the deck of an aircraft carrier directly inboard of the island. This is where the airwing's helos are usually "stuffed." Also: slang for a ship's engineering spaces.

Hollywood Shower (or Hotel Shower): A shower taken aboard a ship in a civilian manner, i.e. in which the water stays on throughout the shower, wasting much of it. (cf. Navy Shower) Definitely frowned upon.

Holy Helo: On Sundays, one of the helos from the carrier flies one or more of the chaplains around to the other ships in the battle group for services. This aircraft is dubbed the holy helo.

Holy Crotch: Between 1960 and 1991, Holy Loch, Dunoan, Scotland was the site of a United States Navy base and home to the Polaris nuclear fleet. Site One, the

most forward deployed Submarine Fleet. The weather was mostly horrible and cold but the Scottish girls were quite warm.

Holy stone: The stone or the act of using one. A pumice stone for cleaning a wooden deck, which is generally done while the sailor is on his knees. Sailors figured that anything that put them on their knees so often must be holy.

The Honch: A nickname for the Honcho bar district right outside the gate of the Yokosuka Naval Base, known to be a generally trashy place.

Honch Ho: A term used to describe female frequenters of the Honch.

Honch Rat: A sailor who frequents the Honcho bar district in Yokosuka on his/her free time. A Japanese girl who frequents the company of American sailors in Honcho is also called a "Honch Rat."

Hooligan Navy: WWII Navy pejorative for the Coast Guard, from its flexibility in enlisting men discharged from other services to rapidly expand for Prohibition. (Term endures within CG.)

Hook: Short for "tailhook"

Hooker: or "Tail-hooker", one who lands aboard an Aircraft Carrier.

Hoover: slang for the S-3B Viking, mostly due to its unique engine noises

Hop'n'pop: Dreaded 8-count, 3-part physical exercise that is often inflicted on officer candidates at OCS when they screw up. It is the combination of a jumping jack, squat thrust, and pushup, and the offenders often perform them to the point of physical exhaustion.

Horse Cock: Large log of baloney or Polish Sausage usually put out for lunch or mid rats. Horse Cock sandwich is one of the least favorite boxed lunches served to helo crews when visiting other ships.

Horse Shoe: (Submarine Service) Area aft of maneuvering on 688's often used for telling sea stories.

Hot Racking or Hot Bunking: Submariners share racks. When one goes off, the other takes his place. (Three men share two racks) The Name is taken from the fact that the Bunk more often than not still warm from its last occupant.

"Hot Racking": Also a term for a sailor climbing into his rack to sleep, without showering.

However,: (spoken "however comma") An over-the-top method of expressing additional items. Often used by people who have been in the Navy too long (see "dig-it").

HR Puff and Stuff: A nickname given to sailors who regularly appear for duty in a disheveled manner with their uniform in disarray. It is a combination of a rank (Hospitalman Recruit, the most junior Hospital Corpsman rank) and a name that connotes the obesity and stresses placed on the uniform of just such an overweight and careless sailor. Also used as an admonishment to junior corpsmen and dental techs in order to motivate them to perform regular uniform maintenance.

HSC: (Heavy Shit Carrier) rate most commonly given to junior sailors, mostly comprised of firemen

Hummer: slang for the E-2C Hawkeye, mostly for the sound of its props

I

IA: "Individual Augmentation/Augmentee." Program currently in use by the U.S. Navy to deploy sailors on an individual basis to the Middle East for 6-14 months in support of Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. Personnel who complete IAs are (supposedly) given preferential treatment with regards to follow-on orders and promotion boards. IAs are often referred to as "Sand Sailors" or "being in the Narmy." [Navy+Army=Narmy]

IFBM: Instant Fucking Boatswains Mate. "A" school washout assigned to deck force.

ID10T: Pronounced "Eye-Dee-Ten-Tango." Similar to "bulkhead remover," an inexpensive way to derive enjoyment from inexperienced personnel. "Recruit, go get me an ID10T form, and step on it!"

IHTFP: I Hate This Fucking Place. A common expression uttered by midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy. Found carved into most bathroom doors and above most bunks. Originally a term used by MIT students for the identical sentiment. Other meanings: I Have Truly Found Paradise, I Hope There's a Friday Parade, etc

In-chop: To enter an area of responsibility. "We in-chop to 5th Fleet when we pass through the Straits of Malacca." From "Change of Operational Control" (CHOP<-OPCON). See "out-chop"

INT WTF: Letters Pronounced Individually. INTerrogative What The Fuck. See WTFO below. Usually used in a text/teletype medium where WTFO is over voice communications.

Irish Pennant: Loose thread on uniform. Originally a Royal Navy term used to describe the bits of line or cordage that would hang off the rigging on a sloppy ship - the frayed line would flutter in the wind like a pennant.

Island: The superstructure of an aircraft carrier, which is on the starboard side of the landing area.

IYAOYAS: Unofficial acronym commonly found on the uniforms of airdales who specialize in ordnance handling, such as the Aviation Ordnance of the United States Military. Read as "If you ain't ordnance, you ain't shit".

IYARGOL: Term coined by the nukes in response to Ordnance's navy pride. "If you ain't Reactor, go on liberty." Unlike the majority of junior enlisted personnel, nukes are trained with "questioning attitude" and have a much harder time living in ignorance so to speak.

J

Jack-o'-the-Dust: a ship cook in charge of keeping track of the ship's food stores.

Jack Off Curtain: The small privacy curtain hanging on the outside of a rack.

Usually the only small bit of privacy found on a ship.

JAG: Judge Advocate General's Corps - Navy lawyers

Jarhead: U. S. Marine.

JARTGO: Just Another Reason To Get Out. "A grain of sand on the beach of reasons to get out of the Navy."

Jerkin' the Gherkin: Masturbating.

JG: short for Lieutenant Junior Grade, which is abbreviated LT (j.g.)

Jody: Fictitious person who steals your wife/girlfriend while you're on deployment.

JO: Junior Officer - technically O-1 (Ensign), O-2 (Lieutenant Junior Grade), O-3 (Lieutenant), and O-4 (Lieutenant Commander). O-4's do not consider themselves to be JO's, even though they do not wear "scrambled eggs" on the brim of their combination covers. Conversely, O-1's through O-3's don't consider O-4's to be JO's either.

JO Jungle: Stateroom, usually on a larger ship, where six to eight lower ranking JO's are billeted. Noted for its lack of comfort and privacy. Part of the harassment package and rite of passage for low-end JO's.

Joe Navy: Another term for a lifer with no life outside the Navy.

Johnny Cash's: Winter Working Blue uniform. So designated because they are all black, (though called Navy blue) and Johnny Cash was the man in black. Occasionally also referred to as the "Gestapo" uniform.

John Sore Pennis: Nickname given to the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74). The Stennis made a port call in Australia and sought so much custom from the local brothels that supposedly many of them had to temporarily close afterwards, to allow the sex workers to recover.

JOPA: Junior Officer Protection Association. An ad-hoc organization of young division officers onboard some surface ships and in most aviation squadrons, assembled to provide a means of guidance and escape from overly-demanding Department Heads. When JOPA is unified it can control some wardroom social functions, but little else. A logo has been seen depicting a combination of a Commander and Lt. Commander's metal insignia crossed out.

JORM: Junior Officer Retention Meeting: A meeting of disgruntled division officers onboard a submarine to complain about and plot against department heads and the executive officer.

JORG: Junior Officer Requiring Guidance (see "George")

JP5: jet fuel used on all navy ships and at all naval air stations

JROTC: Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

JSI: Junior Staff Instructor (see "SPU").

K

Khaki Sacker: See Brown bagger

Kiddie Cruise: Usually a minimum three day cruise for reservists

King Neptune: Usually the senior "shellback" on the ship, this individual presides over the royal court and the initiation of pollywogs during Crossing the Line ceremonies.

Kiss the Camel: To fall between ship and pier onto the camel, a floating log chained to the pilings as a fender. Such a mishap is frequently fatal.

Kloosh: Anything that, when you pick it up between your hands, lean over the side of the ship, and release it, makes a kloosh sound as it hits the water and sinks forever. In short, trash or anything else unwanted, as in "that broken chair is a kloosh!"

Knee-deep navy: Epithet (usually friendly) for the Coast Guard. Also knee-deep sailor, or just knee-deep(s). Also knee-high sailor.

Knee-knockers: A passageway opening through a bulkhead. The lower lip of the opening sits at shin height.

Knife & Fork School: Officer Initiation School in Newport, RI, where doctors, dentists, lawyers, and other professionals entering the navy must go to learn the basics of naval service.

Knives Club: Slang for the wives' club - so called because of the nasty infighting usually resulting when one or more of the senior officer's wives assume that they carry their husband's rank and try to boss the others around.

Knuckle Box: A medium sized, usually red, rectangular metal box widely used in the navy to move supplies to/from the ship. These boxes seem to have been designed by some sadist for maximum difficulty when carrying them aboard ship. They have small, useless metal handles on the side, and are perfectly sized so that you have to turn them at an angle to get through a knee knocker without grazing your knuckles.

Knuckle Buster: A pneumatic tool for removing perfectly good paint from steel.

L

L.A.: The USS Los Angeles, SSN 688 fast attack nuclear submarine launched 6 April 1974. As the first of its class, LA refers to any fast attack submarine with the same hull design and propulsion system. See also "688."

Ladderwell: Stairs. (This is a holdover from when all climbing was done by ladders, though naval stairwells are still very steep and compact compared to a typical stairwell.)

Laundry Queen: Sub Service, Junior Non Qual tasked to do the officer's laundry.

Lawn Dart: Refers to F/A-18 Hornet, due to its expenditure of fuel to get airborne.

LBFM: Little Brown Fucking Machine.

LBFMPBR: Little Brown Fuck Machine Powered By Rice

LDO: Limited Duty Officer - generally a senior and highly qualified enlisted person who is given a commission and continues to work in his or her field. (Also sometimes called "Loud, Dumb and Obnoxious.")

The Leans: A mild case of vertigo. This condition is usually recognized and is characterized by your vestibular system and the "seat of your pants" telling you that you are in a different attitude from what is displayed on the instruments.

Leave: Vacation time

Lets Clean Continuously: Supposedly the actual meaning for USS Mount Whitney designator, LCC-20, which was known for non-stop cleaning by everyone onboard.

Lettuce Browner: The machine in the galley that gives the lettuce leaves their rich, brown color.

Levity Suppression Team: Imaginary group of sailors activated by the commanding officer to ensure low morale.

Liberty: Free time away from work or the ship, usually after working hours or in port. Differs from leave (see above) in that you must stay close to your home station and it is generally much shorter.

Liberty Boat (also Liberty Launch): Boat assigned to transfer sailors to and from their ship when in a port that requires the ship to drop anchor instead of pulling pierside. Trips to the beach are generally low key. Trips back to the ship in the wee hours of the night are usually very entertaining.

Liberty Hound: A sailor who loves liberty more than anything else

Liberty Risk: A sailor who loves liberty a little too much. So much so that he puts himself in danger by drinking too much, getting into fights, or pissing off the locals.

Lieu-fucking-tenant: illustrates Navy practice of including a swear word INSIDE another word (an Infix or Tmesis).

Lifer: a derogatory term for both officers and enlisted men who love the navy and make it clear they want to be in for 20 or more years. Lifers will try to convince others to re-enlist. Also lifers say things like "there is nothing a sailor needs that is not in his sea-bag" this usually is a comment implying a sailor does not need to see his spouse or children. Derived from the acronym L.I.F.E.R. meaning; Lazy Ignorant Fucker Expecting Retirement.

Lifer Dog: (See "Lifer," above) "Call me an asshole, call me a cocksucker, call me a son-of-a-bitch; just don't call me a Lifer Dog."

Little Manila: A table or area on the mess decks where sailors of Filipino descent congregate during meal hours. Can also refer to anywhere on base that has a notable Filipino presence. See also "Filipino Mafia."

LMD: Large Metal Desk or Large Mahogany Desk: Officers stationed ashore are said to "command an LMD." Usually Admirals and some captains will get the mahogany desks.

Lobster: Term for women in the Navy because all the meat is in the tail.

Local talent: Derogatory term used to describe any female living near a Naval Station who does nothing but have sex and use sailors for money. Said females have usually been married and divorced at least three times before they turn 25.

Loop: An officer, usually a LT or LCDR, who is an admiral's aide. So called because of the gold braided loop (aguillette) that they wear around their arm.

LOST: Line Of Sight Tasking - when a senior officer, usually the XO, tasks the first poor bastard JO who walks across his path with some time-consuming, inane project that he knows absolutely nothing about.

Love Boat: (see also Tuna Boat) Term referring to a Subtender comprised primarily of female sailors. Also, a nickname for CVN-69.

LSO: Landing Safety Officer or Landing Signals Officer. On a carrier, this officer

stands just to the port side of the landing area and talks to each pilot as he makes his approach for an arrested landing. On a "small boy," the LSO sits under a bubble on the flight deck and talks to helo pilots as they attempt to land in the Rapid Securing Device, or "trap." Both types of LSO are referred to as "Paddles."

LST: Tank landing ship, or "Large Slow Target," a now removed type of amphibious warfare ship.

L.T.D.B: "Living the Dream Baby." Often used sarcastically in reference to Naval lifestyle.

Lucky Bag: Collected unclaimed personal items, or such things confiscated as gear adrift, which were auctioned to the crew on paydays.

Lucky Charms: Nickname for Tripler Army Medical Center, which due to its coral pink color and location in the Moanalua hills of Honolulu, is used as a navigational aid for ships sailing into Pearl Harbor.

M

Mail Buoy: A fictitious buoy that mail for a ship is left on. Usually new sailors are given a mail buoy watch for the entertainment of the more seasoned sailors.

Make a hole: Command to a group of people to separate to allow a senior ranking person to pass through. Especially common on submarines. Also ordered by shipboard brig prisoners escorted by a Master At Arms (MAA) personnel ("Prisoner - Make a hole!").

Mando Commando: Sailor assigned mandatory physical training (Mando PT) for being overweight or failing the Physical Readiness Test.

MARINE: acronym for Marines Always Ride in Navy Equipment...or Muscles are Required Intelligence Not Essential... or My Ass Really Is Navy Equipment..or My Ass Rides In Navy Equipment.

Marine Corps Table Cloth: The front flap on the trousers that are part of the mens' dress uniform for E-6 and below (see Crackerjack).

Marine Shower: Changing clothes without bathing, usually just applying deodorant or cologne

Mash: A common boot camp and OCS term where the entire company of recruits or class of officer candidates are 'mashed' into the ground by doing physical exercises such as running in place, squats, etc. This undesirable situation is most common after committing some offense or poor performance in a review. Examples of usage are "I'm going to mash you till your eyes pop out!" or "We got mashed pretty hard last night when too many people failed locker inspection." A common exercise while being mashed is the dreaded "hop'n'pop." Sailors completing boot camp at Great Lakes in the early 1990s were told (often, but not always, by their recruit company commanders) that "MASH" was an acronym for "Make A Sailor Hurt."

Mast: Preceded by Captain's or Admiral's, but these are generally not spoken. A form of non-judicial punishment in which a sailor finds himself standing tall in front of the old man when he really screws the pooch. Green felt is usually abundant.

- o In the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, an enlisted may also "request mast" to present a concern over the heads of immediate superiors.

Mat Man: Electronics Maintenance Man

M-Bomb(s): Slang term for the Motrin (Ibuprofen) distributed by corpsmen in Sickbay. Called "bombs" due to their potency (800mg) and the large size of the pills.

MCPOO: Master Chief Petty Officer of the Obvious. Title given to anyone who, you guessed it, has stated the obvious for all to hear.

Meat Gazer: Unlucky individual designated to make sure the urine in a "Whiz Quiz" actually does flow from the urinating sailor's body, as opposed to a stashed container. This duty is accomplished by spending all day meat gazing, or looking at dicks while guys are pissing.

Meat Identifier: A side dish during chow that helps in identifying usually unidentifiable looking main dishes. i.e. Applesauce: indicative of pork chops, Horseradish: Prime Rib Beef...etc.

Meatball: Fresnel Lens Optical Landing System, a visual landing aid used by naval aviators landing on a carrier.

MEDEVAC: The decidedly insane evolution of trying to PERSTRANS a sick person from a rolling submarine to a hovering helicopter.

Mess Crank: A sailor who works on the mess deck, not rated as a cook.

Mess Decks: Chow Hall or Eating Establishment on board ship.

Mess Deck Intelligence: Rumors (mostly false) that spread throughout the ship like wildfire. Often concern radical changes to the ships schedule. See "Rumor Control" or "Scuttlebutt".

Mid or Middie: Short for Midshipman, which is navy speak for a college student studying to become a naval officer.

Midnight Requisition: To "borrow" (with varying degrees of consent) a needed item from another unit. Often condoned when essential to get underway.

Mid-Rats: Short for midnight rations. Leftover lunch and dinner plus PB and J.

Mid-Watch: Watch from), usually results in no sleep before or after this watch.

Milkman: Referring to a sailor wearing the working white uniform, since the uniform highly resembles a milkman.

Missile Sponge: Usually a frigate or destroyer stationed on the outer ring of a battlegroup, as they are the ships most likely to be hit in a convoy.

Mobile Chernobyl: USS Enterprise (CVN-65)

Mom and Dad: Commanding Officer and Executive Officer. "Get this mess squared away, Mom and Dad will be coming through in an hour".

Mom and Pop night: The night before pass-in-review and "graduation" from Boot Camp, spent visiting with family and friends who have made the trip to Great Lakes to watch you graduate the next morning.

Monkey: Nuclear Machinist's Mate.

Monkey Shit: Thick, white packing material used in a feeble attempt to seal openings between bulkheads where cables run through.

Monkey fucking a football: Similar to clusterfuck: How a situation is handled:

"He looked like a monkey fucking a football."

Mother: Aircraft Carrier. See Father.

Motrin: A magical pill dispensed by hospital corpsmen capable, in their minds, of curing every ailment known to man including severed limbs and sucking chest wounds. Also called Vitamin M.

Mouse House (Submarine Service): Ballistic Missile Submarine slang description of areas usually occupied by Missile Technicians. Also used to describe MCC (Missile Control Center).

MPA: Main Propulsion Assistant (sometimes called "Oompa"). A junior officer responsible for Machinery Division, the main engines, and associated propulsion equipment.

Mr. Vice: JO or Chief Petty Officer who is the Master of Ceremonies at a Dining-in/Dining-out

MTI: Military Training Instructor, who are easily identified by the candy cane colored rope they wear. They are in charge of future submarine sailors coming from boot camp to BESS (Basic Enlisted Submarine School). Their primary purpose is to give junior sailors guidance and knowledge of the military. Their secondary purpose is to discipline any junior sailor who needs counseling.

Mung (Submarine Service): Any dark green/brown plant residue with snot-like consistency found in/on scuppers. (mostly in engineering spaces).

Mustang: An Officer who rose from the Enlisted ranks.

Mystery Meat: Term given to chicken, pork or beef and sometimes fish, when completely unidentifiable by sight or taste, but eaten anyway to make a turd.

N

NAFOD: (Pron. nay-fod) No Apparent Fear of Death. Critique given by the LSO in reference to a student pilot who does not know his limits, particularly while attempting to board the carrier.

NAMI Whammy: Slang for the incredibly in-depth two-day flight physical given to all prospective aviators at the Naval Aeromedical Institute at NAS Pensacola. Called the Whammy b/c many aspiring naval flight careers are ended before they even begin due to some unknown ailment.

Nasty City: Slang for National City, California, just outside the gate of Naval Station San Diego. Its cheap dive bars were a noted hangout of "West-Pac Widows." Also answers to the name "National Shitty."

Naval Aviators' Disease: not really an illness, this term applies to the inordinately high percentage of female children fathered by naval aviators. Often attributed to the effects of high exposure to many forms of electromagnetic energy and the resulting effects on the pilot's "swimmers." Also attributed to poor diet, lack of exercise, disrupted sleep cycles, etc...

Naval Infantry: Derogatory term for the U.S. Marines.

NAVCIVLANT/NAVCIVPAC: Where form DD-214 transfers you. Sometimes you get car fare (POV).

Navigators Balls: Two round pieces of metal(Iron) on either side of a ship's magnetic compass to correct for the magnetic field caused by the ship's metal surfaces from affecting the compass. Also known as Deviation. See Sailor's Balls.

NAVY: acronym used by disgruntled sailors for "Never Again Volunteer Yourself".

Navy Balls: Bravado that would not be displayed if threat of CO's Mast was not preventing action and/or protecting one's ass. Quite prevalent among wanna-be thugs in boot camp. I.E.: "Man, if I wasn't in the Navy, I'd kick your fuckin' ass."

Navy Ho: (Sometimes pron. nava-ho like "Navajo" Indian tribe) Derogatory term used by male sailors/Marines to describe all women in the Navy. Usually used when someone has been personally slighted by such a female. Also usually applies to hideous, obese, BCG-wearing, ball-busting females. Ex: ("We gotta get away from San Diego; all the women within 50 miles are Navy Ho's").

Navy Shower: not a form of punishment. While underway, fresh water must be manufactured. A common-sense way of saving it is to wet down while taking a shower and then TURN OFF THE WATER. Lather up and wash. Finally, TURN ON THE WATER to rinse off. Continual disregard WILL attract a punishment shower with scrub brushes. (see "Hollywood Shower")

Nest: A number of small ships (usually small combatants) tied up outboard of each other at a pier.

New Navy: The subject of many posters in the Navy's alcohol de-glamourization campaign. In the "New" Navy, it's OKAY not to smoke, drink, or curse; sexual harassment suits lie around every corner, and the salty old bastards quietly mourn the death of the "old" Navy, where men were men, women were women, and cows were neither.

NFO: Naval Flight Officer - flies alongside the pilot as weapons officer.

NIA: Navy-Issue Ass. Refers to the unusually wide posteriors that Navy females tend to have or will develop during their tour.

Nipples-to-the-Rafter - The state of a dead piece of equipment that has no hope of resurrection.

No-Fuck, Vagina: Pejorative term for Norfolk, Virginia; often refers to the city itself instead of the base. For the base, see "Black Hole", above.

NO GAS - No One Gives a Shit - used to shut up junior personnel.

No Load: A useless sailor. One who does not pull his share of the load. Named for the maintenance catapult shots where only the shuttle is moved down the track with no aircraft attached.

Non-skid: A rough epoxy coating used for grip on weather decks. Not to be used as a "Slip n' Slide."

- o Nonskid Wax: A fictitious substance used for waxing non-skid decks. Usually something junior Sailors are sent looking for.

Noodle-winger: Helicopter pilot.

Nooner: Unlike the civilian term, this is when sailors report to their rack or undisclosed location to get an hour of sleep during mealtime.

NORS: Not Operationally Ready Supply

No-Shitter: A sea story which is mostly (never completely) fictional, and unverifiable as well. Examples: "Hey, this is no shit, but I once blah blah blah..." or "Hey this is a no-shitter, I got a buddy who once blah blah blah..."

NQP: "Non-Qual-Puke": A non-qualified crewman who is not yet able to stand watch. Also applies in the Submarine Service to any crewmember (officer or enlisted) who is not yet qualified in submarines, but still finds a way to breathe air, eat stores, take up space, fill the sanitariums, and be generally obnoxious. Will remain a NQP until they get their fish.

NUB: (Traditionally rhymed with "tub", in recent usage commonly rhymes with "tube") New Useless Body, Non-Usable Body, New Underway Buddy, or Nuclear Unqualified Body. Term referred to newly reported sailors with no qualifications or experience. Usually tasked with dirty and nasty jobs often referred to as "Shit Work".

Nugget: Juniormost pilots or NFO's in a squadron who are fresh out of the "RAG" (see below).

Nuc: (Submarine Service and CVNs) NavSea designation for Engineering Department crewmembers responsible for the safe and proper operation of a ship's nuclear reactor and its support systems. Generally refers to anyone who is/was a candidate for Naval Nuclear Power Training Command. Slang for nerd.

Nuke: In the strictest sense it is a nuclear weapon more generally it refers to ordnance with large payloads or with payloads that for security reasons are neither confirmed nor denied, require special handling and may or may not be handled by designated personnel only.(See "Weaponettes," below). Slang term for nuclear trained members of a ships Engineering Department and nerds. (See "Nuc," above.)

Nuke It: To overthink an easy task.

Nuke It Out: To reason out a problem by eliminating obvious wrong answers. Used to encourage someone to put forth more effort before giving up on a problem.

Nuclear Waste: A pejorative term for sailors who (voluntarily or involuntarily) exit the Nuclear Power training program before successful completion.

Nuts to Butts: To stand close together in line (in the old navy), where sailors would stand so close together that their nuts would be up against the butt of the sailor in front of him.

NVG's: Night Vision Goggles. See "Goggles" above

O

OAFO: Over And Fucking Out. Akin to "WTFO" below.

OBNOB: Only Black Nuke Onboard. Self-explanatory. Usually only found on submarines due to a significantly smaller number of nukes stationed onboard a submarine vice a carrier.

- o FOBNOB: (Friend of Only Black Nuke On Board): = Shipmate (An expression older than some of you youngsters may think.) (Possibly a play

on hobnob?)

Occifer: Pronounced "ossifur", it is a derogatory reference towards officers in general, particularly junior officers.

O-Club: Officers Club

OCS: Officer Candidate School - 13 week ass-kicking at NAS Pensacola from a Marine drill instructor that turns prior enlisted sailors and college grads into Naval Officers with 13 weeks of Naval shore experience (see also: "90-day Wonder").

Odie and Jodie: Slang for OOD and JOOD underway)

O I (wish I was asleep): Derogatory remark made by any non-OS (hater)rate whenever a OS complains about how bad they have it, while underway, because OS's are almost always "Port & Starboard" when underway. OS's constitute "OI Division".

O-gang: A term made up by A-Gang for the Officers

Officer's Candy: Urinal disinfectant cakes

Old Man: The Commanding Officer or Admiral in command, referred as such regardless of gender. Term is usually used when CO has gained respect of subordinates. RADM Grace Hopper is one such example of a female "old man".

Old Salt: Naval veteran. See "Salty", below.

Oly: USS Olympia (SSN-717).

On Report: The initial discipline practice notifying an individual that he/she is being investigated for possible discipline

One-eyed Jack - See "Barney Clark" A tasty treat served at midrats consisting of a slider topped with a fried egg.

OOD: Officer of the Deck.

Operation GOLDENFLOW: A command-wide urinalysis test.

O-Rings: Pejorative term for junior officers, usually used by enlisted men of the engineering and weapons departments. Also refers to an O-Ring, a sealant device officially known as an "O-Ring."

ORM: Operational Risk Management. An unduly complicated principle that basically boils down to pausing for a common-sense sanity check before you attempt to perform a task. Ex: Make sure you ORM that engine swap before you begin.

OS trainer: derogatory term for a large Popsicle. Apparently, Operations Specialists are expected to "brown-nose" with officers more than other ratings which is not true, they just sit around laughing at all the grunts on the flight deck while sipping lemonade.

Oscar: the buoyant dummy used during man-overboard drills. Named for the Oscar flag that is flown during a man overboard evolution. Being "Nominated for an Oscar" can refer to a sailor being thrown overboard.

Ouija Board/Wee-Gee Board: Flat board with small airplanes, bolts, etc. that can be moved around to indicate aircraft position and status on an aircraft carrier. (See Ouija.)

Out-chop: To leave an area of responsibility (AOR). "When we out-chop from 5th Fleet we're on our way home!" See "in-chop"

Out-fucking-standing: An adjective used to emphasize something that is beyond outstanding, whether in a serious or sarcastic manner. Common term used by RDCs in boot camp.

Overhead: Ceiling.

P

P-way: Short for passageway or a hall.

P-Days: First 7 to 10 days of bootcamp, the 'P' stands for Processing

Package Check: (Submarine Service) A common form of greeting where one man shakes another man's ... crotch. This is done not only to test the "mettle" of the one receiving the greeting but also as a sign of camaraderie. However, ever since hazing became increasingly unpopular over the last few years this greeting has occurred less often.

Paddles: code word for the LSO (see above)

Paper Assholes: Gummed Reinforcements (office supplies)

P.A.P.E.R.C.L.I.P.: People Against People Ever Reenlisting Civilian Life Is Preferable. Term used to show dissatisfaction with enlistment or unity amongst a brotherhood of bitter and disaffected sailors, specifically submariners. Often symbolized by the wearing of a paperclip on the uniform in varying levels of prominence to indicate the sailors level of disgruntlement. May also be burned into the skin. C.L.I.P. also used as Civilian Life Incentive Program.

Paper Suit: Literally, a suit made of paper. The preferred item for Torpedoman's Mates when cleaning up Otto II fuel spills.

Pare: (pronounced PAH-reh with a slightly trilled R) A sailor of Filipino descent, used by other non-Filipino sailors. Can be either affectionate or pejorative in use, depending on context. Comes from the Tagalog slang expression meaning "dude" or "buddy."

Patrol Sock: Term used for a spunk rag.

Pavy: A man who was a punk in real life that tries to act tough now that he is someplace new and no one knows him (Pavy = Navy poser)

P.B.: short for Pacific Beach, California, suburb of San Diego

P.C.O: (pronounced Paco) Acronym for Prospective Commanding Officer. Typically when transitioning Commanding Officers (CO's) there is an overlap period when there are two CO's an incoming and an outgoing. The incoming CO is designated PCO.

P.C.O.D.: "Pussy Cut-Off Day", Slang for the last day of a long deployment that sailors could get laid and still obtain Venereal Disease cures from the Hospital Corpsman, and have it be effective in time to return to a wife or girlfriend waiting at home.

P.D.O.O.M.A.: (Spoken as "padooma") Pulled Directly Out Of My Ass. Term used by Chiefs when asked where they got a good idea.

Pecker-Checker: Derisive term for Hospital Corpsman

People Tank: On a submarine, the confines within the pressure hull. As opposed to a potable water tank, sewage tank, missile compensation tank, etc.

Perma-First: Petty Officer First Class (E-6) who, usually for very good reasons, can't get promoted to Chief Petty Officer (E-7) yet stays in the Navy under the delusion he will make it next year.

Permanent Help: Slang for a PH (Photographer's Mate) in a fighter squadron.

PERSO: Personnel Officer

PFM: "Pure Fucking Magic", term applied to when things work, but you don't know how, but they work.

Phantom Shitter: Usually at least one per ship, a term used to describe the individual that would mysteriously defecate in the angle irons, on the X.O.'s pillow, showers, and lounges.

Phrog: CH-46 Sea Knight. Also referred to as the "Whistling Shitcan of Death."

Piece: rifle, as used in manual-of-arms (rifle drill)

Pier-Queer: Air Force term for Sailor (as opposed to the Navy term for Air Force personnel which is simply "queer.")

Pierwolf: Nickname for the USS Seawolf (SSN-21).

Pineapple Fleet: The Pacific Fleet, usually refers to the Seventh Fleet (in the western Pacific) and specifically to ships stationed in Pearl Harbor. Somewhat confusing term, as Pearl Harbor is considered part of the Third Fleet's area, and not the Seventh.

Pig boat: Diesel submarine or the USS California (CGN-36) (deconned). The ship's insignia was a golden bear which looked like a golden pig from a distance.

Ping: To emit a pulse of sound energy from a SONAR transmitter.

Ping Jockey: A derisive term for a SONAR Technician (either Surface or Subsurface variety).

Pinky Time: Half hour or so immediately following sunset or immediately preceding sunrise that officially counts as night time. Aviators are fond of this time, because they get to log night flight time, landings, etc... without the associated high "pucker factor" that normally goes along with it.

Pirate: A sailor who, although known for being good at his job, has poor military bearing and willfully ignorant of standard Naval protocol. A sailor is also called a "pirate" if he accomplishes work by breaking the rules.

Piss Cutter: Slang for the garrison cap, which is a long, thin hat that is shaped like a football or a part of the female anatomy when it is on your head. Also called a "cunt cover"

Piss Test: "Whiz Quiz" or urinalysis. See Operation GOLDENFLOW.

Pisser: Urinal

Pit: A sailor's rack or bunk. Usually used among those who aren't particularly pleased with shipboard life. Also used to refer to the engineroom on a ship because it is in the bottom of the ship and you must go down a steep ladderwell to get there and it is usually not a very comfortable environment (ie: hot and noisy).

POETS day : Piss on electronics, tomorrow's Saturday. Used by people in

electronics ratings, refers to any day before the start of the weekend.

POD (Plan of the Day): An official document issued by a command that states all activities going on that day, from 0000 to 2359. Also contains the Uniform of the Day.

POG (Person other than a Grunt): A term often used by Marine Infantry (Grunts) to refer to anyone who is not them. Specifically anyone in an Admin Field.

Pogey Bait: candy, sweets, ice cream, etc., so called because such items are used as "bribes" for POGs

The Pointy End of the Spear: When you are on cruise or deployment. This means that you are on the "business end" of the navy while standing the line to support national security, as opposed to being a state-side supporting unit.

Polish a Turd: Make the most of a bad situation

Pollywog: An individual who has not crossed the Equator, who must go through rituals, that sometimes cross the line to be hazing, to become a shellback. This practice can be traced back hundreds of years and is conducted in many countries Navies across the globe. See crossing the line.

The Pond: The Deep Blue Sea. "The Pond" may be Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, or Other. Used in slang expressions such as "Talk to me when you've got some Time On The Pond" (translates as: "Don't try to educate me, Nub, until you've got at least one whole patrol under your belt.") (See "Nub" above, "Time on the Pond" below)

Pooka: Any space or cavity (usually somewhat hidden) where items may be stowed. It can also be used as a verb, as in: "What happened to that part?" "I pooka'd it under the mains."

POON: Petty Officer of the Navy - A term regarding a know-it-all junior Petty Officer who always likes to throw his two cents into a conversation.

POOW: Petty Officer of the Watch. A remarkable term for an unremarkable watch.

Poopie Pants: A versatile pair of pants made by cutting off the top half of a Poopie Suit (see below) and moving the zipper stop down like a normal pair of pants.

Poopie Suit: Coveralls uniform item.

Popping Your Pup: Masturbating.

Port: Left side of the boat or ship (when facing the bow). Left side of an aircraft when facing the nose from inside. Place of arrival for ships.

Port and Starboard: A rotation of two duty sections or watch teams, one designated port, and the other starboard. Generally not considered to be a good situation.

- o Port and Report: A watch stood without relief. One designated Port, and the other... wait, there is no other... only Port once again, hence the term re-Port.

Portable Air Sample (Submarine Service): A snipe hunt gag inflicted on "newbies." Normally, portable air samples are regularly collected with a hand-

held device operated by a highly qualified crewmember. In this snipe hunt, however, a plastic garbage bag is inflated like a balloon and sealed, sometimes with "official" forms taped to the exterior; the newbie is then dispatched forward to take this important atmospheric sample to the Executive Officer (NEVER the Skipper). Depending on that particular XO's sense of humor, the newbie could possibly come back aft with interesting counter-orders.

Porthole: Window

Powder Monkey: Term referring to a sailor sent back and forth for an item, usually tasked to retrieve something from below-decks; Derives from young boys who served on wooden ships that retrieved powder for broadside firing.

POTS Line: Literally stands for Plain Old Telephone System. On modern warships, there are usually several POTS lines, which allow the user to make telephone calls as if he was back in his home port. Obviously these calls are bounced off satellites, but the old name persists. Used for official business only.

PQS: Personal Qualifications Standards. A card carrying various qualifications for a warfare badge or similar. Must be signed off by a superior or expert. Used in a sentence: "I hope my dentist has his cavity PQS signed off."

Prop: short for an aircraft's propeller

PRT: Physical Readiness Test. A sailor is required to perform a certain number of sit-ups, push-ups, and a 1.5-mile run in a given time (which varies based on age and gender).

PT: Physical Training. A required exercise regimen.

Puck Chop: A standard Navy pork chop, which is to say, extremely overcooked.

Pucker Factor: Tension caused by high stress during a difficult or dangerous evolution. So named because your sphincter tends to tighten up or "pucker" involuntarily during such times. Example: "Pucker Factor was high when he landed that Turkey single engine with complete AC power failure at night." When the "Pucker Factor" is very high, objects (underwear, entire flight suits, airframe components, etc) have been known to require retrieval from said sphincter.

Puddle Pilot / Puddle Pirate: Derisive terms for U.S. Coast Guard personnel

Punch Out: Eject from an aircraft

Pus Rocket: A form of food resembling civilian sausage. A tube of ground fatty animal flesh, wrapped in a tough, leakproof skin that holds in a pressurized pool of hot grease that sprays several feet in distance when punctured with a table knife.

Pushbutton: term applied to a 6 year enlistee with advanced schooling. The Enlistee is immediately granted E-3 rank upon completion of basic training, and E-4 rank upon completion of "A" school. Frequently the Enlistee also has an opportunity to extend to 8 years, and immediately gain E-5 rank within 2-3 years total service, like "pushing a magic button to gain rank". Certain sailors who nail all promotion opportunities on the 1st attempt can make Chief (E-7) in as little as 7 years service, Senior Chief (E-8) by 10 years and Master Chief (E-9) by 13 years, unless of course, they have already gone Warrant Officer or Mustang by

this time.

Pushin' Rope: Erectile dysfunction usually associated with a drunken visit to a brothel.

Pussy Pills: Sea-sickness pills.

Pussy to the left: A term used to remind sailors how to tie a dress uniform neckerchief.

Putting An Ensign To Sea: Taking a dump. The larger the log, the higher the Rank.

Q

Quarter: Often preceded by port or starboard, the quarter generally begins abaft the beam on both sides of the ship and extends in an arc aft to the stern. Technically the stern is not part of either quarter. Often used by lookouts when calling out contacts. A contact on a relative bearing of 160 would be off the starboard quarter.

Quarters: A gathering of all the people in the organization. Quarters can be for the entire command, or just the department, division, or branch. Quarters is used to present awards, pass information, and make every sailor squeeze into their ill-fitting, rarely-worn uniforms at least once a year.

Queer: Derogatory term used by sailors when referring to U.S. Air Force personnel. Nickname for the EA6B Prowler usually used by personnel in the aviation community, it is derived from the shape of the refueling probe on the nose of the aircraft resembling a "broken wrist" and the "Q" at the ending of the VAQ designation of the Prowler squadrons.

R

Rack: Bed. "Hit the rack" is to retire to bed.

Rack Burns: Reddish marks seen on the face of a sailor who has just emerged from sleeping in his/her rack. Scorned upon if he/she was not supposed to be there.

Rack Monster: A sailor that would rather stay in his/her rack other than participate in the everyday routine of the ship. He/She have been known to miss several meals. Closely related to a person that skates out of work, but can more often than not be found in his/her rack. This person commonly refers to their rack as a time machine. (AKA-Narcoleptic)

Rack Ops/Operations: A term describing a sailor that has been ordered SIQ(sleep in quarters)by medical usually for being extremely sick, or also can be used to describe an exhausted, tired sailor that goes to sleep right after working hours. "Seaman Smith, report to rack ops!"

Radcon Math: Term used by Navy Nukes, generally ELT's, when numbers magically add up to equal the desired sum. From RADCON (RADiation CONtrols), where approximate numbers and "fudge factors" are frequently used in calculating dose.

Radioing the logs: (Submarine Service, surface ships sometimes use the term "Blazing the logs," or simply gundecking) Recording engineering log data via

mental telepathy (see "Xoxing Logs" below).

RAG: Replacement Air Group, now officially called the FRS (Fleet Replacement Squadron), although the former is still widely used. This is basically graduate level flight school, where a newly winged aviator goes to learn how to fly and fight in his much more advanced fleet aircraft.

Railroad Tracks: Unsightly uniform appearance caused by a pair of poorly ironed military creases on a shirt or pair of trousers where there should be only one. (See "Summer creases"). Also refers to the connected silver rank bars of a Lieutenant's khakis.

Rain Locker: Shower

Raisin: Recruit or junior sailor, predominantly heard at Naval Training Commands. Usually used by seasoned A-School students to refer to sailors with one or more weeks less time in service. Fleet equivalent is "Nub," "Newbie," or "Hey Shitbird."

Ramp Strike: When an aircraft gets drastically low while attempting to land on a carrier and strikes the "round down," or stern of the ship, Often with devastating results.

'Rats: Short for "mid-rats"

Ready Room: large space aboard a carrier that is the focal point for each of the squadrons in the airwing. Each squadron has one on the O-3 level, and each pilot has his own seat. Used for a variety of reasons such as training, "AOM's," "Roll-ems," etc...

Reality Check: The act of taking a peak outside after many days or weeks below decks.

Recruit (Pronounced Re-crew-it): A derogatory pronunciation used by Recruit Division Commanders. Commonly used as a reply to a recruit's mandatory greeting of enlisted personnel while at RTC Great Lakes. ("Good Afternoon, Petty Officer." "Good Afternoon, Re-crew-it.")

Red Devil Blower: A fan, painted red, used by damage control parties to de-smoke a space. Also the name of a legendary hooker in Naples.

Redass: Any task or evolution that is extremely painful or difficult to accomplish, often due to bureaucracy or red tape.

Red-Rope: Slang for a Recruit Division Commander (RDC), in reference to the red rope worn around the left shoulder.

Reefer: Refrigeration ship carrying frozen foods.

Refresher Training: The act of watching pornographic movies just before pulling into home port.

RELA: Acronym for "Reactor Electrical Liberation Army". Nickname for a mythological group of malcontent nuclear electricians from the USS Nimitz. Convenient scapegoat for any sort of engineering mishaps, like spurious circuit breaker trips. e.g. "Load Center 27 feeder breaker just tripped, must have been an RELA hit."

Relative Bearing Grease: Another of the endless non-existing items new sailors

are sent to find.

Rent-A-Crow: Term for a sailor advanced to E-4 because they graduated top of their "A" school class. The Navy 'rents' them for an extra year in return for being promoted.

Retention Prevention Team: Sailors who swear to never reenlist. Sometimes identified by wearing paperclips in the pockets of their dungaree shirts.

Reward (submarine specific): also known as dessert meaning the meal was so poor that a reward was in order for just completing the meal.

Rhino: slang for the F-4 Phantom back in the day - presently slang for the F/A-18 E or F Super Hornet.

Rick or Ricky: A "recruit" or Sailor-to-be still in boot camp.

- o Ricky Boxing: A boot camp term for sailors masturbating.
- o Ricky Fishing: A boot camp term for female sailors masturbating.
- o Ricky Girlfriend: Your right hand. (AKA-Handeria)
- o Ricky Mistress: Your left hand. (AKA Palmala, Handeria's twin sister)
- o Ricky Crud: One-night sickness in bootcamp after receiving smallpox vaccination. More correctly the constant cold that one has from spending 8 weeks confined with 80-90 people from all walks of life.
- o Ricky Dive: Fast, effective method of cleaning in boot camp, consisting of wearing smurf suits inside-out and sliding, or being dragged, on the floor to pick up dust.
- o Ricky Heaven: A number of restaurants and entertainment venues found in a single building at boot camp, so called because only graduates of boot camp may go there.
- o Ricky Lawnmower: Nailclippers, used to trim stray threads from uniforms. See "Irish Pennant".
- o Ricky Ninja: A popular boot camp activity that involves several Rickies dressing up in all black, wearing the Navy issue ski mask, and stealing around in the middle of the night, causing all sorts of mischief. "Naked Ricky Ninja" involves wearing only the ski mask, and streaking through another division's (preferably integrated) compartment. Also being woken at 0'dark thirty to PT. The lights are not allowed to be turned on until Reveille so you PT in the dark.
- o Ricky Sweep: Using a bare (or sock-covered) hand to gather dustbunnies and other dirt from a deck.
- o Ricky Rocket: A boot camp "energy drink" made from an assorted mix of sodas, sports drinks, coffee, sugar and artificial sweeteners used to help keep the recruit awake. Also known as "Go-Go Juice". Or half a glass of coffee, half chocolate milk and a shit ton of sugar.
- o Ricky Vacuum: Using your hands to pick up dustbunnies and dirt from carpet. Similar to Ricky Sweep.

Rimjob (Submarine Service): When a petty officer is so pissed-off at a particular (half-assed) junior officer he strikes a "rimjob deal" with the Wardroom

messcranks so that they provide him with the offending officer's coffee cup or water glass. The enlisted crewman may then coat the rim of this cup/glass from the sweaty part of the back of his scrotum; the messcrank will then set the Wardroom table appropriately. This is how most submarine messmen earned their "fish" without ever having to know how the engineroom works (they always had to know the DC stuff, though; that sig was never given away.)

Ring Knocker: A pejorative term for a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. So named from their large collegiate rings.

Roach Coach: "Geedunk" on wheels. Mobile cafeteria van, often seen when on det to another base.

R.O.A.D. Program: Retired On Active Duty, refers to someone who is approaching retirement so they don't care about getting any real work accomplished. (Ex. BM1 Smith has 19 years in the navy and is now called BM1 ROAD, because he is almost retired.)

Rob: The act of "cannibalizing" a specific part off of an aircraft. (Ex. We didn't have a gyro in the parts bin so we robbed one off 614.)

Roast Beast: Roast Beef, or any meat served aboard the ship that even the cooks who prepared it don't know what it is.

Rock: Used to define a sailor who has an intelligence quotient equal to or less than that of a basic igneous rock. Can be used for officers and enlisted of any rank, especially when musing that intelligence does not play a vital factor in "making rank." When used as a verb, refers to the act of failing a test, board, or course of instruction, i.e. "He rocked transistor theory."

Rocked Back: Having to repeat a particular section of a school due to failing (rocking) the exam at the end.

ROD: Retarded Officer Dude

Roger That: A term of understanding and acceptance when given an order or other information. Can be used with varying inflection and tone without consequence to signify enthusiasm or disgruntledness without stepping outside the bounds of professionalism.

Roll-em's: Movie night, usually shown in the ready room or the wardroom

Rollers: Hot dogs

Roof Rat: An Airedale that works on the flight deck of an aircraft carrier during fight operations.

ROTC: (pron. rot-see) Reserve Officers' Training Corps. A wonderful compromise in the pursuit of a commission. You get to go to real college on a full ride (shorter scholarships are also available) and only wear your uniform once a week.

Rotor Head: Sailor who flies or maintains rotary-winged aircraft (helicopters).

Round Down: The approach end of the landing area on an aircraft carrier, which is directly over the stern of the ship.

Royal Baby: Usually the fattest "shellback" on the ship, this individual is part of the royal court and the initiation of pollywogs during Crossing the Line

ceremonies. His belly is sometimes greased up, and unsuspecting wogs may be forced to kiss it before completing their transformation from slimy wog to trusty shellback.

Rubber Hooeys: condoms

Rumor Control: The often wildly inaccurate rumors that concern fictitious changes to the ship's schedule. Usually takes the form of "Hey, did you hear <insert ship name here> had a fire in their main machinery room and can't get underway so our cruise got extended by a month?" See also "Mess Deck Intelligence".

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SA: Situational Awareness - the big picture. Losing SA, especially in flight, can lead to disastrous results.

Sail Rabbit - over cooked pork, or beef tenderloin.

Sailor's Balls: See Navigator's Balls.

Salt and Peppers: Short sleeve white dress shirt with black trousers and Combination Cap. Common in the 70's. Basically a less dressed up version of the Bus Driver Uniform.

Saltpeter: Chemical supposedly added to "bug juice" aboard ship to stifle libido, the stuff of urban legend.

Salty: Old and experienced (or simply old and sea-worn, as in "my salty hat").

Can also refer to the traditionally profanity-laced language patterns of sailors.

Sandbag: a member of an aircrew who contributes little or nothing to the safe and successful execution of the mission - instead sits there like a sandbag and is just as useful.

Sandbox, The: The pier liberty facilities at Jebel Ali. Sandbox Liberty means travel outside the port of Jebel Ali is not authorized. All you get is a "beer on the pier". See "Gerbil Alley".

Sand Crab: A civilian in Civil Service positions working for the U.S. Navy. Very derogatory.

SAR: Search and Rescue

Scope Dope: Radarman or Operations Specialist

Scrambled Eggs: Gold embroidered oak leaves decoration on a Commander's/Captain's cover. Admirals have Double Eggs. The similar silver clouds and lightning bolts addition to an Air Force Lt.Col/Colonel's hat is called Farts and Darts. May also be referred to as "Bullshit," but only by one who wears them.

Screaming Alpha: A sailor who is on fire and is running around screaming. Alpha fires leave ash. Bravo fires burn flammable liquids. Charlies are electrical fires, and Deltas burn exotic materials, often metals like magnesium.

Screw: a ship's or boat's propeller.

Screw the Pooch: To mess up in a big way. Usually followed by a visit with the old man.

Scullery: Washroom for eating implements such as knives, forks, trays, and cups.

Scupper (Submarine Service): A funnel like device used to collect rogue liquids usually from overflowing tanks in engineering spaces. Occasionally used as an impromptu urinal by an on-watch nuke. (Surface) Spouts on the main deck to route liquids over the side.

Scupper Trout: A turd or other length of feces.

Scuttlebutt: Drinking fountain or rumor (originated from the rumors that would be spread on board ship while gathered about the water barrel).

Sea and Anchor Detail: Every sailor has an assigned duty station to be manned when the ship is either pulling into or out of port. On submarines it's called the Maneuvering Watch. (Coast Guard: Special Sea Detail.)

Seabag: The large green bag the army calls a "duffel bag".

Sea Daddy: Senior, more experienced sailor who unofficially takes a new member of the crew under his wing and mentors him.

Sea Going Bellhops: A derisive name for Marines. Refers to the fact that they pull guard duty aboard ship. A good phrase to use when picking a fight with a Marine.

Sea Lawyer: An argumentative, cantankerous or know-it-all sailor. A sea lawyer is adept at using technicalities, half truths, and administrative crap to get out of doing work or anything else he doesn't want to do, and/or to justify his laziness.

Sea Legs: bodily adjustment to the motion of a ship indicated especially by ability to walk steadily and by freedom from seasickness

Seaman Schmuckatelli: Generic name for a sailor, used in a similar manner as "John Doe," "Joe Blow" or "John Q. Public". Example: "You're working on an electrical system without tagging it out, when along comes Seaman Schmuckatelli, who energizes the circuit and ZAP, you're fried calamari."

Sea Otter: Seaopdetter; a member of a Sea Operational Detachment (SEAOPDET).

Sea Pussy: a yeoman or personnelman - akin to a secretary - does clerical work.

Sea Stories: Often exaggerated or embellished tales from previous deployments or commands told by seniors to juniors. Sea Stories almost always involve alcohol. Good sea stories should always involve creative embellishment, in as much as you should tell it better than the guy you heard it from, with yourself (or an un-named "buddy") as the new star. Add some contemporary details and those youngsters are mesmerized, as they should be.

Sea Swap: a recently initiated program where an American warship never returns to an American port. Instead, it pulls into a friendly foreign port at given intervals and swaps out its entire crew.

SEAL - SEa Air Land

Secure: In general, to prepare something for stormy travel -- to secure a window is to shut it. However, it's often used as a stronger form of "cut it out," as in "talking is secured" or "I'm going to secure your mouth if you don't shut the hell up" or "your fruity ways are secured, Fireman Radomski."

Senile Chief: Slang for Senior Chief

Shaft Alley: Field Day berthing aboard a Submarine. Also the compartment(s) containing a ship's propulsion shaft(s).

Shark shit: A sailor who has fallen overboard and is lost forever.

S.H.E.: Stupid Human Error

Shellback: An individual who has crossed the Equator.

Sherwood Forest: (Submarine Service) missile area, on a boomer

Shinbuster: Same as knee-knocker.

Ship over: re-enlisting

Shipmate: Any fellow Sailor. Also, used as a derogatory term against all junior enlisted personnel i.e. E-5 and below. An Officer, Chief or First Class will use this to show they think so little of you, they haven't bothered to take the time out of their day to learn your name. Used in the Junior Enlisted Community to parody this.

Shipwreck: Any fellow sailor. Used as a derogatory term.

Shit in a Seabag: Stuffed green peppers.

Shit bag (also Shitweed, shitstick, shithead, shit stain, or shitbrick): Any fellow Sailor. Used as a derogatory term and a term of endearment.

Shitbag (2): A derogatory term for a sailor who has been awarded punishment at mast, or any less-than-par sailor. Also known as "Shitbird".

Shitbomb: Extremely unpopular topic brought up at the end of a (usually long and boring) meeting that requires a lot of work from everyone present. The worst ones are "drive-by shitbombs," where someone pokes their head in, "throws the shitbomb," and leaves.

Shit Can: Either the name for a trash can, or the act of throwing something into the trash. As in "Shit can that chit, you're not getting any liberty."

Shit Chaser: Name given to hull maintenance techs

Shit City: Norfolk, VA. See also "Asshole of the Navy".

Shit Color: Derogatory term used by enlisted personnel under the rank of E-7 referring to enlisted personnel at or above the rank of E-7 (Chief Petty Officer), and sometimes officers as well. Based on their khaki uniforms.

Shit-faced: Drunk. The preferred state of consciousness for junior sailors, especially those visiting foreign ports.

Shit-on-a-shingle: Creamed chipped beef on toast.

Shit-the-bed: Term used to identify that something is broken.

Shitter: Toilet (or "Head," see above). Shipboard space where "shit" is both a verb AND a noun. Self-explanatory, really.

Shitty Kitty: a slang word for the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63), which is the worst ship in the United States Navy, and also the oldest. It has been designated this name due to the fact it that it looks like shit, smells like shit, and the chain of command will work you round the clock and not give a shit.

Shit River: The creek that divided the base from the civilian side, in the Philipines, Between Olongopo City and Cubi Point Naval Base. So named because the local sewage from Olongopo flowed into this river, and it stunk to

high heaven. When you crossed the bridge to go on liberty, you had to hold your breath the entire length of the bridge.

Shit Screen: A shitbag who is so often the object of (negative) attention by his superiors that his shipmates' transgressions go relatively unnoticed.

Shoe: Derogatory term used by airdales in reference to "black shoes," or ship drivers. Sometimes explained as an acronym meaning "stupidest human on earth," but clearly derived from the longer "black shoe" description of surface warfare officers and CPOs.

Shooter: Catapult Officer aboard an aircraft carrier

Short-Arm: Penis.

Short Seabag or Without a Full Seabag: Reporting aboard without a full uniform; deficient in aptitude or intelligence.

Short Timer: A sailor with less than 90 days until discharge or transfer and an attitude to match.

- o Short Timer's Chain: A chain that hangs from the belt of a "short timer" for all to see, with one link representing a day, (signifying too short to care) and usually starts with 30 links. Any more than 30 links will give an attitude to their superiors. Verbal equivalent is "__ days and a wake-up".

Shower Tech: Sonar Technician.

Shutterbug: A Photographer's Mate (PH).

Sick Bay: On larger ships like carriers and "gator freighters," sick bay is literally a small hospital, complete with facilities for surgery, X-rays, triage, a pharmacy, etc... On "small boys," sick bay might be a single space from which the ship's corpsman dispenses Vitamin M and corpsman candy.

- o Sick Bay Commando: A sailor who spends more time going to medical feigning ailments than doing work.

Sick in Quarters (SIQ): When a sailor is too ill or incapacitated to perform his duties, he is thus required to report to his rack (quarters), where he will remain until healthy again. For personnel aboard ship, this means to remain in bed, while onshore this may simply mean to stay home for the day. Only qualified medical personnel can recommend SIQ, and only the command can authorize it.

Side Number: Unique 3-digit number assigned to every bird in the airwing. Side numbers are based on what squadron the aircraft is in. 1XX and 2XX used to be VF (fighter) squadrons. However, since the retirement of the F-14 Tomcat these are now applied to F/A-18 (VFA) Super Hornet Squadrons. 3XX and 4XX are for "Baby" Hornet (F/A-18 C and D model) squadrons. 5XX side numbers are assigned to EA-6B (VAQ) squadrons, and 6XX are for the VAW squadrons flying the E-2C Hawkeye. 61X side numbers are for the HS helo squadron, and 7XX goes to the VS squadron, which flies the S-3B Viking. The only carrier aircraft that do not follow this scheme are the C-2A Greyhounds. See COD.

Sierra Hotel: Phonetic letters for SH, which stands for "Shit Hot." Refers to anything impressive or greatly exceeding what is required. Can also refer to the phrase "Shit Happens".

Sig: (Navy Nukes) A signature on a qualification card. There are many, many "qual cards" in the Sub Service, especially if you're a Nuke. (see "Nuke" above).

Sig: Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily

Signal Ejector: (aka 3" launcher) A device on submarines that can shoot countermeasures, flares, thermocline equipment, and empty beer cans. Used primarily to formally notify Battle Group Commanders via green flares that their ASW screen sucks.

Sims: Simulators

Silverwhales: Refers to the rather large fat women near Bangor, Washington, that are from Silverdale.

Single digit midget: Sailor who has less than 10 days before getting out or transferring.

Skate: Sailor who avoids work in general while not being detected; for example the ability to "skate" out of work undetected while being assigned to a 14 man working party.

- o Skate Golden: the ability to "skate" out of work while being assigned to a 7 man working party undetected.
- o Skater: Sailor who gets away with doing no work.

Skeds-O: Schedules Officer

Skimmer: Surface Sailor (used by submariners)

Skeevy Stacker - Storekeeper

Skipper: Term used in reference to the Commanding officer of any Ship, Unit, Platoon, or Detachment regardless of rank. Generally only applied to someone who has earned the speaker's respect.

Skittles: Sailors who work on the flight deck of a carrier. So named due to the different colored jerseys they wear. For the same reason, they are sometimes referred to as "Wiggles".

Skivvies: underwear.

- o Skivvy waver: Signaller (because of signal flags)
- o Skivvy Sniffer: Ship's Serviceman assigned to do the Ship's laundry

Skylarking: Not paying attention, due to "looking up in the sky" instead of on the assigned task. From Royal Navy slang during the era of the tall ships - midshipmen or "young gentlemen" would race each other up, down, and through the rigging. They were playing in the air; thus, skylarking.

Skosh: Perilously close to minimum acceptable levels. Example: The F-5 usually lands skosh on fuel. Originates from the Japanese word sukoshi, meaning little.

Sleep 'til you're hungry, eat 'til you're tired: The working day of an aviator as described by a surface sailor

Slick Sleeve: A sailor in the E-1 paygrade who does not have a rating, and who has not yet graduated from Apprentice training. Therefore, his left sleeve is "slick", or has no rate or rating insignia at all.

Sliders: hamburgers/cheeseburgers.

Slime Lights: NVG compatible exterior green lights found on aircraft that are

almost invisible to the naked eye. Used in combat situations at night where standard position lights and "smacks" cannot be used.

Slinging Game: Flirting with other people aboard the ship.

Slugs: Term used to refer to Chief Petty Officer Selectees during their initiation and transition period. Only Chief Petty Officers may use this term.

SLJO: Shitty Little Jobs Officer

SLUF: Short Little Ugly Fucker - nickname given to the A-7 Corsair back in the day.

SLUFF: Short Little Ugly Fat Fucker - pejorative term for a turkey of a sailor.

SLURFF: Short Little Ugly Retarded Fat Fucker - someone that makes a SLUFF look good.

Slushing: Financial service provided by a shipmate (known as a "slusher") where money is loaned out with interest rates that would make a mafioso blush. Known as loansharking in the civilian world.

Smacks: Anti-collision strobe lights on an aircraft.

Small Boy: Term referring to smaller class ships, such as destroyers and frigates.

SMAG: "Simple Minded Ass Grabber" or "Small Minded Ass Grabber":
Derogatory term for an Engineering Laboratory Technician.

Smiles: A game played by sailors while in port where a bunch of sailors gather around and play cards. Meanwhile under the card table is a prostitute performing oral sex to all the card players. First sailor to smile has to buy the next round of beers

Smoke Pit: Designated smoking area. This is almost always used when ashore.

Smoking Hole: what an aircraft becomes if it crashes over land

Smoking Lamp: is out or lit in specified spaces or throughout the ship; IMC announcement specifying where smoking is permitted or prohibited during certain hours or operations.

Smoking Sponson: designated smoking area aboard aircraft carriers, usually right below the flight deck on the exterior of the ship's hull. A great place to catch up on scuttlebutt and unwind after a long day.

Smooth Crotch: Derogatory term for a nuclear Electronics Technician.

Smurf: A recruit who is in his first few days of boot camp who hasn't been issued uniforms yet, and thus wears a "Smurf Suit" (see below).

Smurf Suit: Set of blue sweatpants and sweatshirt issued on arrival at boot camp; worn for the first several days and thereafter used mostly for PT.

SNAFU: Situation Normal, All Fucked Up.

Snake Eaters: Special Forces personnel such as Navy SEAL's, Green Berets, etc...

Snatch in the Hatch: (Submarine Service) Term used to inform the crew that a female visitor is onboard.

Snipes: Sailors assigned to the Engineering rates, i.e. Machinists Mates, Boilermen, Enginemen, Pipefitters. Also known as pit snipes, see pit.

Snivel: To request time off or to not be scheduled, usually for personal reasons.

Most schedule writers will have a "snivel log" for such requests, which may or may not be granted based on the needs of the unit and the sniveler's standing with the schedules officer (Skeds-O).

SNOB: Shortest Nuke On Board

Sound of One Hand Clapping: Masturbating.

SPLIB: Special Liberty, Comp-Time.

S.N.O.B.: Shortest Nuke on Board. Term used to refer to the lucky nuke who gets out of the Navy next. This term usually only applies to nukes who have not re-enlisted (i.e. "first-termers"). In rare cases, the S.N.O.B. voluntarily relinquishes his/her title to a "second-termer" that gets out of the Navy earlier who exhibits extreme disgruntlement and is generally accepted by the "first-termers" as one of their own. This person would be given the title of "Honorary S.N.O.B."

Snuggle Up: When two aircraft get very close while flying in formation - usually for demonstration purposes.

Socked-in: When the ceiling and visibility at an airfield or over an air-capable ship are below minimums for takeoff and landing.

Sorry I Quit: used to refer to a sailor who convinces a doctor to give them an SIQ chit

Sortie: a single flight of an aircraft

S.O.S.: Same as Shit-on-a-shingle.

Sougee: To scour; sougee powder = generic term for scouring powder, although in yachting refers to a chemical cleaner.

Space: Refers to a room or a compartment onboard ship.

Spandaflage: Overweight personnel squeezing into camo that is too small.

Sparky: Radioman or Electrician's Mate.

Split Tails: Female sailors. Used more often in the early days of surface ship integration.

Spook: Usually a CT, IS or some kind of intelligence type.

SPU: Staff Pick-Up. Nuke term referring to individuals that finish the training pipeline and instead of going out to sea like everyone else, stays behind and teaches in the pipeline. SPUs on a submarine are treated harder than a typical Nub due to the typical SPUs attitudes and own self delusions.

Spunk: Cool Whip or anything like it.

Squid: Submariner. Like a squid, they also live under water and eat other squid/fish. Generally, any sailor (current or former) in the Navy.

Squishy: State resulting from being at sea too long; e.g., rolling gait, goofy, confused by traffic signals.

Stab: Any sort of unwanted, tedious work that often arrives at the worst moments as a result of a flail.

Star-tight: see "Gronk"

Starboard: Right side of the boat or ship (when facing the bow). Right side of an aircraft when facing the nose.

Stateroom: Living quarters for officers aboard a ship. Senior officers (commander

or higher) generally rate a one-man stateroom. LCDRs and senior LTs usually get two-man staterooms, and more junior officers rate a 4-man or 6-man "jungle." Staterooms contain beds, a sink, fold-down desks, lockers, storage, and a TV. Note: Ship's Captains do not have staterooms: they have cabins.

Steel Beach Picnic: Celebration on the weather decks of a ship. Usually involving near beer, barbecue, and non-skid.

Stew-burner: Sailor with the Culinary Specialist (CS) Rating

Striker: Sailor receiving on-the-job training for a designated field (or rate)

Sticks: The levers in the Maneuvering Room of a diesel submarine that are used to change the settings for the main propulsion motors.

Stuffed: A naval aircraft is said to be "stuffed" when its wings or rotors/tail pylon are folded and it is parked in close proximity to other aircraft.

Subic Bay: Philippines port also known as "Pubic Bay, the Asshole of the Orient." Was a major stop off point between South Vietnam and The World (CONUS). The city just outside the main gate of the Naval base was Olongapo City or "Po City", noted for it's night clubs and many agreeable women. Leaving the base a sailor had to cross over a bridge that went over a drainage channel, also known as "shit river", because of the constant raw sewage and filthy conditions. Young children would tread water just below the bridge and yell at sailors to throw coins in the water, which they would dive for and come back to the surface with the coin in their mouth.

Suckbag: Another name for a dirtbag or shitbag

Sucking Rubber: (Submarine Service) Extended periods wearing Emergency Air Breathing devices (EABs), A full-face air mask similar to that worn by firefighters, except fed from ship's emergency air system rather than a bottle on your back. Also refers to wearing a gas mask such as the MCU-2P for protection against chemical, biological or radiological attack.

Suck Meter: Similar to a fun meter, this fictitious gauge displays how shitty a given situation is. "Cruise got extended indefinitely the day we were supposed to out-chop and head home? Man, my suck meter just red-lined!"

Summer creases: Military creases incorrectly or crookedly ironed into uniforms. "Some are here, some are there." (see Railroad Tracks).

Swab: Mop.

SWAG: Scientific/simple Wild Ass Guess. Used commonly on Navy exams.

Swap Paint: Euphemism for a mid-air collision

Sweat the Bulkheads: Indoor PT during boot camp which doesn't stop until the bulkheads are running with condensate.

Swims: Aviation water survival training. This 2-day class must be completed every few years by pilots and aircrew. Consists of classroom and pool instruction and culminates with the dreaded "Dilbert Dunker" and "Helo Dunker."

Swim call: Ship stops and off duty crew jumps in the ocean for a swim.

SWO: Surface Warfare Officer. SWOs are sometimes referred to as "SWO-dogs" or "SWO-Daddys", and the phrase "SWOs eat their young" is heard often in

reference to the treatment of junior officers in the community.

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Tack On: In an informal ceremony, when a sailor is frocked (see above), each of the shipmates in his unit who are already in the higher paygrade to which he is frocked "tack on" his crow by making a fist and pounding on the crow on your rating badge (which is sewn to the sleeve of your uniform). It is considered poor form to "tack on" with more than one pound of the fist; nonetheless, after a number of your buddies have "tacked on" your crow, your arm is generally black, blue, bruised, and extremely sore. A mild form of hazing.

TAD or TDY: Temporary Assigned Duty or Temporary Duty

- o TAD: Traveling Around Drunk; Taking A Dump

Tail: long cable containing a sonar array that is trailed out behind a ship or submarine

Tailhook: Long metal hook that hangs below a fixed-wing aircraft as it attempts to land on an aircraft carrier. If all goes as planned, the tailhook engages one of the arresting wires that are stretched across the deck, and the aircraft comes to a halt in a very short landing area.

- o Tailhook Association: Professional organization for fixed-wing carrier pilots. Notorious for an out-of-control convention in Las Vegas in the early 1990s (often referred to as simply "Tailhook"), this organization still exists, albeit in a very watered down version.

Tango Lima: Phonetic of "TL," which is short for The Trophy Lounge, a club in National City, CA frequented by "WESTPAC widows" and sailors assigned to ships homeported at NAVSTA San Diego. Popular for its loose women and proximity to the base.

Tape Zebra: Maddening condition aboard ship, especially aircraft carriers, where passageways are "taped off" so that they may be waxed, dried, and buffed in the middle of the night. It seems that the passageways are purposely chosen to maximize delay and frustration when a pilot has to do an oh-dark-thirty preflight or some other duty. Junior enlisted sailors take special delight in denying officers access to these passageways. Likewise, junior officers thoroughly enjoy when a man overboard or GQ is called in the middle of the night, so as to crash through tape zebra and trample through the wet wax.

T.A.R.F.U.: Things Are Really Fucked Up.

Target: submariner term to describe the surface fleet or anything other than an identified friendly submarine. Most common use is in the phrase "There are two types of ships, Submarines and Targets." Also known as Surface Skimmer (see above)

TED: Typical Enlisted Dude. Either you know one or you are one.

TDU (Submarine Service): Trash Disposal Unit. Sophisticated AN-DEEP-6 weapons system.

Time On The Pond: Refers to a sailor's sea time in terms of the number of cruises or patrols completed. More "Time on the Pond" means more Real-Navy sea

experience. (See "Salty," above)

Time Machine: A sailor's rack. Usually referred to by senior personnel without many daily responsibilities. Referred to as a time machine, because if you sleep 12 hrs a day then you have effectively slept away half of the deployment. (see Pit).

Timmy: A name used for by RDC's when an anonymous recruit mess' up and doesn't take credit for his behavior.

Titivaion: Hour long field day held daily onboard USS Cape St. George (CG-71), see XO's "Happy Hour"

Tea Bagging: similar to rimjob but in this case the sailor dunks his nut sack in a beverage of a unliked individual.

TFOA: Things Falling Off Aircraft - when a piece of an aircraft falls off for no apparent reason during flight. Unfortunately, this happens a lot more than most people realize, with obvious negative repercussions, especially over a populated area.

Tin can: Destroyer.

Tire Chaser: Term used usually by Aviation Boatswains Mates to describe Blue Shirts or Chock Walkers on the flight deck and hangar bay of an aircraft carrier.

Titless Wave: A yeoman or one who performs clerical duties. At one time, yeoman was one of the few positions open to female navy personnel or Waves.

Tits Machine: Old-school term for a kick-ass aircraft, usually a fighter, that consisted of little more than an airframe, minimal avionics, and a huge engine or two. The F-8 Crusader was universally accepted as a tits machine. The F-14 Tomcat was also widely accepted. Today's modern electronic video game fighters like the F/A-18 Hornet will never be in the same ballpark.

Tits-up: Out of commission; hard-down.

TLD (Nuclear): Tiny Little Dildo. Thermo Luminescent Dosimeter. Navy belt adornment. Worn by nukes to see how much radiation is received in a period of time. Often a good source of humor for when the topsiders ask what they are for.

TOD: Typical Officer Dude. A weak attempt by TEDs to come up with a nickname for officers.

Topsider: (Carrier) Anyone who is not a nuke.

Torpedo Sponge: Similar to "Missile Sponge", this refers to the smaller ships in a convoy, whose duty it is to protect the carrier, to the point of taking the torpedo hit for the carrier if needed.

Touch and Go's: Repeatedly falling asleep in a meeting or a class while trying desperately to stay awake. After nodding off, the person's head will dip forward almost to his chest, whereupon he will snap back into a very brief state of semi-consciousness and repeat the process. Named after practice landings where the aircraft descends, briefly touches down while still rolling forward, and quickly becomes airborne again. Very prevalent at AOM's and training. Also called "giving the invisible man head."

Tower Flower: Usually the SUPPO or another person with almost zero aviation

experience who is tasked with manning the control tower on a small boy or supply ship. Differs from the LSO (Paddles), who must be a pilot.

Trap: A fixed-wing arrested landing on an aircraft carrier. In the helo world, the Rapid Securing Device (RSD) on the deck of a "small boy."

The Trade School - The U.S. Naval Academy

Trice Up: Make your rack. (rack = bed) The old racks had a hook to secure it to the bulkhead. Hence the term "All hands heave out and trice up" or jump out of your rack and make it. (Originally referred to hammocks; "tricing up" is hoisting up and securing with a small line.)

Triple Sticks: Refers to the aircraft in the fighter squadron on a carrier with the side number "111". Usually in radio communications, as in "Triple sticks, call the ball."

Triwall: An extremely large cardboard box.

Trout: See Scupper Trout.

Tube steak: hot dogs (also, called "dangling sirloin").

Turd: (Submarine Service) A surface ship (it smells, looks, and floats like a turd, therefore, it must be a turd).

Turd Chaser: An HT - Hull Technician. Renowned for their ability to find a clog in the ship's sewage treatment system.

Turkey: slang for the F-14 Tomcat

Turn-to: The command, normally given over the IMC signalling the beginning of the work day. Also given to return to normal ships work, generally used after GQ or other special evolutions.

Twecker (Submarine Service): Electronics rating; any engineering rating not gronking a wrench. (See "gronk" above, see "wrench" OED)

Twecker: A very small screw driver used by EM's and ET's to make meters indicate correctly.

Tweener (Submarine Service): Affectionate term for Missile Technicians on Ballistic Missile Submarines. Usually called out during the "Coner" and "Nuke" throwbacks, since the Missile Compartment is "between" the Forward(Coner) and Engineering(Nuke) spaces.

Twidget: Sailor in the Electronics or Electrical fields of job specialties.

Two-block: To center or tighten; derived from tackle.

Two-Digit Midget: Sailor with 99 or less days until his/her "End of Active Obligated Service", or EAOS.

Tuna Boat: A submarine tender, or other non-combat ship that is comprised nearly completely by female sailors. Example: "We're going to have great liberty this port! A tuna boat just pulled in."

Turn 'n Burn: Casual for "Get busy!" From formal daily announcement Turn to ship's work, often given as direct order Turn to!

U

UA: Unauthorized absence up to 30 days

Un-ass: To let go of, give up, or share something. The concept is that you keep

something precious (that you don't want others to have or share) somewhere away from prying eyes (such as, theoretically, in your ass). Usually used in the form of a demand that you share something (like geedunk), as in "Un-ass, motherfucker!" Another definition comes from the old horse US Army. Un-ass would mean to remove the item from the "ass" which would be the pack animal.

Uncle Sam's Confused Group (USCG): the United States Coast Guard - an organization that is the fifth armed service, yet falls under the Dept of Homeland Security, and operates generally small ships, boats, and aircraft that have limited warfighting capability.

Uncle Sam's Misguided Children (USMC): The United States Marine Corps

Underway Sock: (Submarine Service) A soft sock brought underway to comfort a frustrated submariner.

Un-Fuck: to correct something that is screwed up. (Ex. Go un-fuck your gig line, Seaman Schmuckatelli.)

UNODIR: UNLess Otherwise DIRected; enables TRUST-based management by exception (MBE)

UNREP: UNderway REPlenishment - Taking supplies from the supply ship by maneuvering alongside and passing lines between the two vessels. Differs from "VERTREP."

USS Backyard: Term for the sailor's home of record, to which he or she happily returns upon discharge.

USS LASTSHIP: Term for sailor's trying to tell a story, or give an example of how business was handled at their last command

USS Neverdock: Ship that seems to stay out at sea for unusually long periods of time. For sailors, this is usually their own ship.

USS Neversail: Mock-up ship found in boot camp, also called USS Recruit. Can also refer to real ships that seldom leave port, such as Sub-tenders.

USS Nottagain (DD 214): Used by sailors separating from the Navy when asked which command they are going to. Also can be used by former sailors when visiting old friends and asked by new personnel which ship they are on. "DD 214" is the form that must be filled out for a military member to get discharged.

- o USS Usetafish - A submarine veteran's previous command.

V

Vampire: Inbound missile to the ship. Typically announced over the 1MC, shortly followed by relative location (i.e. port quarter, starboard bow, etc.), and "all hands, brace for shock."

Vampire Liberty: Getting the day off for donating a pint of blood.

VERTREP: VERTICAL REPlenishment - taking supplies from the supply ship via helo pick up and drop off. Back in the day this was most often accomplished by the mighty CH-46 Sea Knight (see "Phrog"), although any aircraft with a cargo hook installed can do it. Differs from UNREP (see above).

Very well: Senior to subordinate acknowledgement.

Virtual Liberty: The idea a sailor could walk off the ship and, instead of going

into town, step on his crank, throw his wallet into the water and hit himself over the head with a blunt object. The result would be waking up on the pier the next morning with an aching crotch, no money, a serious headache and the inability to remember anything from the previous night; just like actual liberty.

Vitamin M: Similar to Corpsman Candy above, but in this context relating to Motrin (Ibuprofen), which is occasionally used to combat the various aches/pains/headaches associated with military service. Applied as a panacea for any illness. A Corpsman would likely prescribe Vitamin M for pregnancy and cancer, if he could get away with it. Does not refer to real vitamin M (folic acid).

Voluntold: When a sailor is volunteered into a collateral duty by his superior. "I need a volunteer, you over there!"

Vulcan Death Watch: A long evaluation or training drill onboard a submarine. It normally goes on for hours with no clear ending point.

Vultures Row: Place where people can watch flight operations without being in the way.

W

Wardroom: Officer's mess, or dining room. Also used to collectively refer to all the officers at a command.

Warm and Fuzzy: a feeling that something has been done correctly and will produce the desired results. Most often used in the negative. When someone thinks something is not right, they often say "I'm not getting a warm and fuzzy."

Warrant: A chief warrant officer. In the navy warrants are generally older and more experienced in a particular area of expertise than a commissioned line officer, much like an "LDO." Unlike the army, an enlisted sailor must first be promoted to chief petty officer before becoming a chief warrant officer.

Watch: A period of duty, usually of four-hours duration. The day at sea has long been divided into watches, which are called: midwatch (0000 to 0400); rev watch (reveille) or morning watch (0400 to 0800); forenoon watch (0800 to 1200); afternoon watch (1200 to 1600); and the first watch (2000 to 2400). The period from 1600 to 2000 is usually split into two dog watches (first dog watch, second dog watch) to allow the crew to eat. Watch-standers in the Navy are required to report fifteen minutes before their watch is to begin in order to learn any needed instructions, situations, etc, from the preceding watch-standers. The new watch takes over from the previous when the watch officer or section leader officially relieves his predecessor; this must be done by the official, posted clock-time; (so, for example, a midwatch would run from 2345 to 0345, presuming that the hand-off is very quick). This schedule is not carved in stone, and variations exist depending on the command (some midwatches, for example run from "ten to two" -- 2200 to 0200).

Water wings: Surface Warfare Officer's badge (so named by aviators.) A term pridefully used by non-carrier SWOs.

Wave-off: In naval aviation, to voluntarily discontinue an approach to a landing or a hover because of unsafe or uncomfortable flight conditions. In other

situations, to discontinue what you were doing due to some unforeseen circumstance. (Ex. He started walking towards the hottie in the Filipino bar, but had to wave-off when he noticed "her" adam's apple and pants bulge.)

Waxing the Dolphin: Masturbating.

Weather Guesser: Term usually applied to personnel in the Aerographer's Mate (AG) Rating.

Wedge: Nickname for someone so deserving. The simplest tool.

WEFT: Typically it stands for "Wings, Exhaust (or Engine, for prop aircraft), Fuselage, Tail" and is a method by which ship's lookout stations can visually identify aircraft within the vicinity. However, since training for this tends to be spotty at best, identification of aircraft is often incorrect, leading to the second definition: "Wrong Every Fucking Time".

Weaponette: (pl: Weaponettes) (Submarine Service) Pejorative term for the members of a submarine's Weapons Department, used by members of the Navigation/Operations Department or Engineering Department, usually when they want their stolen tools back.

WESTPAC: While this usually refers to the western Pacific area of operations, it can also refer to a type of deployment in which a unit heads to multiple locations throughout said area. Often used in, "Damn, we just did a six-month WESTPAC, barely got home for a week, and now we're heading out again?"

- o WESTPAC Widow: The wives of sailors who are on deployment, usually found in bars near their husbands naval base

Wet Suit Camel Toe: A disturbing sight caused by a (usually older and) fatter rescue swimmer attempting to squeeze into his wet suit for SAR duty. Often seen entering and exiting helos that are providing SAR services.

Wetting Down: An informal requirement for an officer who has just been promoted. The exact amount may vary by command and community, but the general rule of thumb is that the officer has to lay down a bar tab equal to the amount of his monthly raise for the enjoyment of his wardroom mates. On cruise, several officers may be promoted between port calls, resulting in quite a party when they pull in.

Wheel Book: A small notebook, usually used by Division Officers or Chiefs to keep track of daily events and reminders

Wheels Up: aviator's term for actual launch time (the wheels are up off the deck.

Example: "I want to be wheels up at 0600" means not to be walking to the plane at 6 am, but to be actually on the way at 6 am.

Whether leave: Departing the command for an extended period whether or not official permission has been requested and/or granted. Or, whether or not the sailor has leave on the books. Example: "I'm taking leave whether the skipper lets me or not." (See "UA" and "AOL")

Whidbey Whale: Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (NASWI) variant of a dependent spouse who married her USN member/high school sweetheart husband when they were both skinny, but later, she became orca fat, ballooning to gigantic

proportions, while he remained a skinny little guy. These unfortunately mismatched couples can usually be seen on weekends in and around the commissary and Navy Exchange (NEX).

Whiskey-Tango-Foxtrot: W.T.F. What the Fuck?

Whistling Shit Can of Death: CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter. Known for flipping over while attempting to take off (they have to move the rotors back and forth) and also having transmission failures 20 miles out from MCAS New River.

Whiz Quiz: "Piss Test," Urinalysis, Operation Golden Flow. Failing is known as "popping positive."

Widow/Widower: Describes wives (and now husbands) with spouses on deployment. Single, for all intents and purposes, until the day their spouse returns from deployment. Prefaced by the type or theater of service the deployed spouse is in, e.g. "WESTPAC widow" or "Boomer Widow".

Wings: Naval Aviator or Naval Flight Officer breast insignia. Also the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist breast insignia.

Wire Biter: Electrician's Mate.

Wog: short for "pollywog", as in "wog ceremony". A wog refers to someone who has not crossed the equator in an official Navy hazing ceremony. Although hazing is technically illegal, the Navy still supports this practice (typically under the watchful eye of the CMC), although it has become relatively benign compared with days of old. Officers and enlisted alike can be targets of this ceremony, run by "shellbacks." According to lore, if the wogs of a ship manage to find and capture the "Jollyroger" (the black skull and crossbones flag) before midnight of the day before the ceremony, then they will get to run the shellbacks through the ceremony. It is not clear if this has ever been done. Officially, any crewmember having previously crossed the equator, whether in the Navy or not, does not have to participate in the ceremony. Unofficially, if said person cannot produce a Shellback Card, that person will participate.

Wolf Ticket: Highly suspect information. Can refer to malicious "scuttlebutt," exaggerated "no-shitters," or blatantly phony sea stories.

Working Party: When there is loading of supplies, the Quarter Deck will call for a "working party" to be manned by each division of the ship, the number depending on the task.

Workups: 1- to 6-week periods preceding a deployment during which the ship and/or its airwing practice and prepare. Widely known workups involving the carrier and the airwing are TSTA, COMPTUEX, JTFX and RIMPAC. Airwing only workups include trips to NAS Fallon and NAS Key West.

Would you like a kick to help you get airborne?: seen on a numerical list of epithet substitutions, especially transmitted over radio, which has to stay clean

Wrinkle-neck Bass: See Scupper Trout.

WTFO: "What the Fuck, Over" (pronounced "wit fo" or "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot Oscar" using the phonetic alphabet): colorful way of asking what just happened, ie, "What the Fuck?"

WUBA: (pronounced wooba) "Woman Used by All." or "Woman w/ an Unusually Big Ass." Self explanatory.

WUBA Chariot: Elliptical exercise machines more often than not used by females.

WUBAflage: (pronounced like camouflage) term for civilian clothes worn by WUBA's.

X

XOI: Form of non-judicial punishment in which the wayward sailor appears before the executive officer (XO). After hearing the details of the case, the XO may recommend dismissal or refer it to the Commanding Officer (CO) for "Mast."

XO's Happy Hour: Daily hour-long mandatory cleaning evolution. Usually introduced by XO on the 1MC.

XO's Door: Trophy commonly traded between the engineering divisions on an underway submarine as a way to alleviate boredom.

Xoxing Logs: (Submarine Service) (Derived from the word "Xerox," pronounced "zoxing") Entering engineering log data eerily similar to the previous hour's log data.

Y

Yoko: Yokosuka, Japan.

Your Boy: What you refer to someone as when you don't want ownership, responsibility or relation to them. "Seaman Dumbshit over there is your boy." "He isn't my boy." "Oh, no, you're boys." Alternately "What's goin' on with your boy?" is fairly standard. Also referred to as "Yankee Bravo," which is phonetic alphabet for the letters Y and B.

Z

Zarf: A cupholder on a submarine. It's very simple and may be riveted to any available vertical sheet metal.

Zero: Officer. Term derived from their paygrade; O-1, O-2, etc.

Zoomie: Aviator. Usually applied to USAF pilots. Stems from the USAF Academy - the "blue zoo" where civilians observe formations march to lunch daily from the chapel wall.

Zoomies: Particle radiation originating from naval nuclear power or nuclear weapons.

ZUT: CW (Morse radiotelegraphy) forever. Unofficial procedure signal (obsolete). Retired RMs may have a ZUT certificate, or even tattoo.

Zoom Bag: Flight suit

(The) Zoo: USS Kalamazoo (AOR-6). A Wichita-class Replenishment Oiler that served the U.S. Atlantic Fleet from 1973-1996.

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