

1920s Job Profile: U.S. Navy Sailor

What is the U.S. Navy? The U.S. Navy is a branch of the United States military that protects the waters.

How do they do it? Sailors work on ships and have many different jobs to keep the ships running. Some of these are small working ships. Some are large warships with lots of weapons. Sailors also work on bases in harbors and ports.

In the 1920s, there were no major wars but the U.S. Navy was one of the largest in the world. Sailors in the 1920s kept it strong before World War 2. There were bases all across the globe. Sailors could spend months at sea and years away from home. Unlike other jobs, many people could work as a sailor and see the world.

Salary and Hours: You make \$1.10 per day as an enlisted sailor. Pay depends on rank and seniority, officers are paid much more. Housing and food is provided for you. You work shifts of 8 - 16 hours.

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