

HOSPITAL CORPSMAN (HM) ADVANCED TECHNICAL FIELD (ATF)



NAVY

Specialty Title/Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC)

Hospital Corpsman (HM) Search and Rescue Medical Technician (SAR Med Tech) NEC L00A: Performs aircrew and En Route Care (ERC) functions in support of Search and Rescue (SAR), tactical evacuation (TACEVAC), medical evacuation (MEDEVAC), casualty evacuation (CASEVAC), and combat SAR (CSAR) for Navy and Marine Corps Aviation.

Hospital Corpsman (HM) Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Reconnaissance (RECON) Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC) NEC L02A: Provides medical and operational services for Fleet Marine Forces, Special Operations Forces and Special Operations Command personnel engaged in direct action, special reconnaissance foreign internal defense, irregular and unconventional warfare independently of a medical officer.

Hospital Corpsman (HM) Medical Deep Sea Diving Technician (Dive Med Tech) NEC L27A: Assists medical officers in prevention and treatment of illnesses associated with deep sea diving and high pressure conditions.

This is a six-year program.

What They Do

SAR Med Tech: Provides ERC of routine illness and emergent patients in-flight, during peacetime and combat operations. Certifications required in Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS, or equivalent) and Basic Life Support. Required knowledge of advanced fluid resuscitation, administration and management of Advance Life Support medications, use of emergency medical equipment, rescue and recovery devices, patient handling, and aeromedical/patient movement techniques.

FMF RECON IDC: Performs clinical diagnostics, advanced paramedical skills, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ALCS), basic surgical anesthesia, basic dental exams, and other routine and emergency medical health care procedures as required. Performs associated operational administrative and logistical duties. Supervises and manages field medical activities in a conventional or unconventional warfare environment. Orders, stores, catalogs, safeguards and distributes medical supplies, equipment, and pharmaceutical supplies. Supervises clinical

Career Path After Recruit Training				
Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of this rating through formal Navy schooling.				
School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Hospital Corps Class "A" School,	San Antonio, TX.	14 Weeks	Basic principles and techniques of patient care and first aid procedures	Group and modular instruction
After completion of HM "A" School, HM ATF candidates track to one of three advanced training paths: SAR Med Tech (27 weeks long), FMF RECON IDC (121 weeks long), or Dive Med Tech (27 weeks long). Upon completion of the SAR Med Tech, FMF RECON IDC, or Dive Med Tech training pipeline, HMs are formally awarded Navy Enlisted Classification Code L00A, L02A, or L27A, respectively. Over a 20-year career, HM ATF Sailors can expect to spend about 70 percent of their time assigned to fleet units and 30 percent to other types of duty.				

and field long term care and treatment during peacetime, CONUS and OCONUS split detachment operations. Advises and provides tactical and technical guidance to the Detachment Commander, indigenous and allied personnel. Responsible for the planning, execution and supervision of cross training of detachment members in medical skills. Required to maintain skills and certifications in Advanced Tactical Casualty Care with a greater than 96-hour patient sustainability without evacuation or augmentation. In unconventional warfare environment, instructs medical personnel, manages guerilla hospitals and field evacuation nets; coordinates the operation, interaction and activities of medical facilities within an area of operation; manages battalion size troop medical clinic and its administrative and logistical support. Establishes a base stock of medical supplies and equipment, internal or external procurement, storage, security and distribution of those items. Coordinates veterinary training and support for area requiring animal transportation or use. When directed, conducts operational and intelligence planning, preparation and execution of detachment missions. Maintains Special Operation Forces Advanced Tactical Practitioner (ATP) requirements to include Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), USSOCOM Tactical Trauma Protocols, Basic Life Support (BLS), Prehospital Professionals (PEPP), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ALCS), and Tactical Medical Emergencies Protocols (TMEPS). Provides health care as a non-physician health care provider when assigned to fixed medical treatment facilities.

Dive Med Tech: Performs duties as inside tender for recompression chamber operations. Additional duties include qualifications to dive using all Air and Mixed Gas USN Diving Apparatus. Operates, tests, repairs and adjusts all USN Diving Equipment, systems and support equipment. Operates recompression chambers. Performs underwater inspections, harbor/port/ship security inspections, including ordnance

searching, rescue, special warfare operations, and small boat operations. Operates Swimmer Delivery Vehicle Dry-Deck Shelter systems and submarine Lock-in/Lock-out systems. The areas of knowledge and training include but are not limited to diving physics; scuba and surface-supplied air diving procedures; and recognition and treatment of diving related illnesses.

Credit Recommendations

The American Council on Education recommends that semester hour credits be awarded in the Vocational Certificate or lower division Bachelor's / Associates Degree categories for completed in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), advanced first aid, nursing techniques, health and hygiene, medical terminology and clinical technologies while attending (A) and (C) schools.

Qualifications and Interests

A sincere interest in providing general health care is extremely important for this community. People in the HM ATF must relate well to others and work well as a part of a team. It is important that candidates have good communication skills, writing and arithmetic ability, manual dexterity, dependability, trustworthiness, a good memory, resourcefulness, and backgrounds or interests in the sciences. Other important qualifications are competence with tools, equipment/machines, physical stamina and the ability to do repetitive tasks without losing interest. Any illegal involvement with drugs may be disqualifying.

Working Environment

SAR Med Tech: Work in a variety of environments. Some work at hospitals or clinics in an aviation medicine and Station SAR duty. Others work with air squadrons that attach to ships or in an expeditionary environment; and in special operational environments. Duties are service oriented,

repetitive, and require good judgment and mental alertness. SAR Medical Technicians may work alone or with supervision by other health professionals, depending on the assignment.

FMF RECON IDC: Work in a variety of environments. Most work with FMF and Special Operations Units. Some work in Military Treatment Facilities. Duties are service oriented, repetitive, and require good judgment and mental alertness. FMF RECON IDCs may work alone or with supervision by other health professionals, depending on the assignment.

Dive Med Tech: Work with Naval Special Warfare, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Fleet Marine Force Reconnaissance, and Underwater Ships Husbandry commands. Others work aboard ships; with Dive and Salvage units; and in special operational environments. Some work in hospitals or clinics. Duties are service oriented, repetitive, and require good judgment and mental alertness. Dive Med Techs may work alone or with supervision by other health professionals, depending on the assignment.

Opportunities

Current Opportunities for placement in the HM ATF are good for qualified applicants. About 380 personnel currently serve in the HM ATF.

Related Civilian Jobs-- O Net SOC Code O Net SOC Title

29-2041.00 - Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics

Since Navy programs and courses are revised at times, the information contained on this rating card is subject to change.