

MILPERSMAN 1306-920

USS CONSTITUTION

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1. **Background.** *USS Constitution* is an important part of American heritage and the history of our Navy. Having earned her nickname "Old Ironsides" during the War of 1812, *USS Constitution* is the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. *USS Constitution*, America's "Ship of State," is permanently berthed in Boston, MA. The crew is tasked with promoting, protecting, and preserving the ship. The ship receives approximately half a million visitors annually and is the Navy's platform for receiving senior officers, high ranking Government officials, and heads of state.

2. **Policy**

a. Non-petty officers are normally screened directly from a recruit training command activity by the command master or senior chief (CMDCS or CMDCM) of the *USS Constitution*. Recruits who volunteer and are accepted for duty onboard *USS Constitution* must sign a NAVPERS 1070/613 Administrative Remarks, acknowledging delayed entry into whichever guaranteed program they originally enlisted for, until completion of their prescribed tour onboard *USS Constitution*.

b. Service members who did not enlist for a guaranteed program may request any program for which they qualify within 9 months prior to the end of their tour. Service members can expect to receive a favorable consideration if they are otherwise eligible and a requirement exists.

c. Chief petty officers (CPOs) and petty officers (POs) are selected from those eligible for shore duty.

d. Tour lengths are as follows:

(1) E-1 through E-3 will serve 24 months.

(2) E-4 through E-9 will serve 36 months.

e. *USS Constitution* is the approving authority for requests and will coordinate with Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM).

3. Requirements/Qualifications

a. Sailors seeking to volunteer for duty onboard *USS Constitution* must be able to interact with the public with maturity and tact, projecting themselves to be model representatives of the U.S. Navy with impeccable appearance and military bearing. CPOs and POs must be of the highest caliber, ready to serve as role models and strong leaders for junior crew members.

b. All volunteers being considered for duty onboard *USS Constitution* must meet the following **minimum** qualifications:

(1) Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery scores:

(a) WK = 50

(b) VE = 50

(2) No record of non-judicial punishment within the last 36 months;

(3) No driving under the influence/driving while intoxicated convictions within the last 5 years;

(4) No record of financial instability within the last 36 months;

(5) No evaluation/fitness report traits below 3.0 within the last 36 months;

(6) Must pass the most recent physical fitness assessment (PFA) and have a smart military appearance;

(7) Must be fit for full duty (medical and dental) without any limitations or disabilities which would preclude service onboard a ship;

(8) Must possess facial features free of acne, scars, and other unusual distinguishing features (waiverable);

(9) Must not have any tattoos visible in short-sleeves or skirts (waiverable);

(10) Must have a clear, strong voice free of heavy accents or speech impediments. Must not be afraid of public speaking;

(11) Must not be afraid of heights; and

(12) Non-POs must be unmarried and without dependents.

c. Complete all sections of NAVPERS 1306/92 Special Program Screening, MILPERSMAN 1306-900, exhibit 1. NAVPERS 1306/92 may be accessed at:

<https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/References/Forms/NAVPERS/>.

d. Required obligated service for this program is 36 months for E-4 through E-9.

4. **Application**

a. Service members must be released from their community via rating detailer to NAVPERSCOM, Shore Special Programs Assignment Branch (PERS-4010D).

b. Submit the following information to *USS Constitution* for screening:

(1) NAVPERS 1306/92 Special Program Screening;

(2) All evaluation reports for the last 36 months;

(3) ASVAB scores (WK, VE);

(4) Height, weight, last three PFA scores, and any failures within the last 4 years;

(5) Digital 5x7 photograph (front and side) in service uniform and service khaki for CPOs. Sailors serving on individual augmentation may wear a uniform their chain of command deems appropriate for the photo;

(6) Commanding officer's (CO's) signed letter of endorsement, which must include a statement on military appearance and tattoos, an evaluation on the Service member's speaking ability to include information on heavy accents or speech impediments, and the Sailor's demeanor, professional knowledge, and leadership skills. The Service member's ability to work and lead groups of junior Sailors with little oversight is a favorable characteristic;

(7) Once application package is received and reviewed, a telephone interview will be arranged between the Service member and the *USS Constitution* in Boston, MA. *USS Constitution* CMDCM or CMDCS and CO will make final decision after the interview has been conducted, and each applicant will be contacted by the CMDCM or CMDCS with final approval and;

(8) Point of contact and phone number (command career counselor, leading chief petty officer and command master chief (CMC)).

c. The forwarding command CMC must contact and coordinate application with the following:

USS CONSTITUTION CMDCM Administrative Department (617) 242-5671

d. Applications can be sent via the following:

E-mail: <u>constitution.cc@navy.mil</u>
or
Fax: (617) 242-2308

e. Additional Information may be found at:
www.history.navy.mil/ussconstitution.