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Navy Slang – Do you know the Navy basics?  
(10 questions)

Rules:

1. These questions are to be answered without the use of the internet. Your sailors will not have internet access in boot camp, neither shall you!

2. You will answer each question. Each question counts. So it is better to guess than not to guess.

3. You are REQUIRED to post the ones you got wrong.

4. The answers are posted below question #10.

5. Remember, this is only for fun. It truly doesn’t matter how many you got right. What truly matters is that you learned something about the Navy.
Question 1

1. John invites you to tour his berthing area so you can see how Sailors live aboard a ship. As you are walking down the passageway, you pass another Sailor. John tells you that "He's still a wog"

What is a wog?

1. A sailor that is a slacker and doesn't get promoted. (With Out Goals)
2. A sailor how doesn't have a girlfriend (With Out a Girlfriend)
3. A sailor who hasn't crossed the equator (Pollywog)
4. A new sailor that hasn't proved themselves (With Out Guarantee)
2. On a ship, what is a "fantail?"

1. The ships propeller room (the screws that drive the ship)
2. The ship's galley
3. The highest mast on a ship
4. The extreme aft part of the main deck
3. What is the Navy SEALs training program called?

1. STP/N
2. BUD/S
3. SPT/S
4. NWWT/S
Question 4

4. Jack and you are about to leave the ship on liberty. Jack tells you "We better get going, or Chief Jones will have my @ss. He probably wants me to rig Med lights or something."

What purpose do "Med lights" serve?

1. None, they are purely decorative
2. To warn low-flying aircraft
3. To indicate the commanding officer's rank
4. To illuminate the ship's hull number
Question 5

5. In which state is the main Navy SEALS training facility based?

1. Massachusetts.
2. Virginia.
3. California.
4. Maryland.
Question 6

6. As you leave, you notice the Quarterdeck (main entrance) has moved, "The gangway's right over there," says Jack, pointing to a flight of steps leading down to the pier. "When you leave, say hi to Chief Brown for me. He's the OOD."

Who or what is the "OOD?"

1. Officer of the Deck
2. Onboard Officer Designee
3. Officer of the Day
4. Officer of the Detail
7. You’re the new guy on ship, the Weapons officer ask you to measure the barrel length of the MK45 - 5 inch 54 Caliber gun. How long will it be?

1. 64 inches (5 feet, 4 inches)
2. 198 inches (16 ½ feet)
3. 270 inches (22 ½ feet)
4. 360 inches (30 feet)
8. Jerry just checked aboard the ship. His shipmate tells him that the duty is great, but watch out for the Knee-knockers.

What is a “Knee-knocker”?

1. The women with the biggest breasts on the ship.
2. A lower lip passageway opening through a bulkhead.
3. It a tool used to put down non-skid decking material, similar to a tool used in laying carpet.
4. It a gun used on the fo'c'sle (the pointy end) of a ship. When it goes off, your knees shake.
9. During SEAL team log PT, if a boat crew drops their log, what log must they pick up?

1. "Old Misery"
2. "Big Boy"
3. "The Evil Queen"
4. "Fat Guy"

Here is a picture of that log...
10. Most families get really excited when they see the number 847 displayed on their telephone which means their sailors are calling from boot camp. However, to some Navy veterans 847 brings sadness and a moment of silence.

Why?

1. It’s an airline flight number, TWA-847, on which a sailor had died.

2. It’s a military police call sign, 10-847, which means “military member down”

3. It’s a Department of Defense (DD-847) form that is used to document when military member get a Driving under the influence (DUI) or a driving while intoxicated (DWI)

4. It is a hull number of the USS Stark (DD-847) which sank on its 1st patrol.
The Answers
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What is a wog?

Answer: 3. A sailor who hasn't crossed the equator (Pollywog)

Wog: short for "pollywog", as in "wog ceremony". A wog refers to someone who has not crossed the equator in an official sanctioned Navy hazing ceremony. Although hazing is technically illegal, the Navy still supports this practice typically under the watchful eye of the Command Master Chief (CMC). Although it has become relatively benign compared to the old days. 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 "Jolly Roger" (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.

The Shellback's make pirate uniforms out of their old crappy clothes, and the wogs do different cleansing station on the ship. Finally when you get done with the stations, you go in front of the "Royal Court". You have King Neptune, his wife (the chosen beauty queen), and others such as the "Royal Baby". When I did mine and traditions says, you had to lick out a maraschino cherry out of the Fattest sailor (The Royal Baby) on the ship who has grease all over his chest. Then the physically fit Navy came about, then it was the skinniest sailor. Now with female serving on ships, I bet there is no more licking. Now that I think about it, maybe this was the precursor to "Don't ask, don't tell"....... Actually, when I think of it, after 124 days at sea, the Filipino guy beauty queen did really looked hot..... -ha
I know some will think “My son, daughter, or spouse could be abused”. Let me tell you they're not. This is a long tradition that the Navy still allows sailors to do. Believe me, if someone was truly abused, then it would be in the newspapers nationwide.

This is probably the most fun day ANY sailor can have (on both sides, Wogs or Shellbacks). I don't think anything tops a Navy Shellback day and neither will any other sailor you talk to.... Woo-hoo!!!!

It’s not what it look like. The guy is truly licking out a maraschino cherry out of the belly bottom of the Royal Baby with tons of grease.
2. On a ship, what is a "fantail?"

Answer: 4. The extreme aft part of the main deck

All parts of a ship have names, some of which are in common use, some known only to Sailors. The fantail on is a common place for ceremonies, musters, or to just to take a break...etc.
3. What is the Navy SEALs training program called?

Answer: b. BUD/S

BUD/S (Basic Underwater Demolition / SEAL School) prepares the toughest, most elite unit of our military. It is among the hardest training in the world. Training in BUD/S takes over a year.

Islamic Terrorists are like King Salmon: Life is good until the SEALS show up....
4. Jack and you are about to leave the ship on liberty. Jack tells you "We better get going Chief Jones will have my @ss, He probably wants me to rig Med lights or something."
What purpose do "Med lights" serve?

Answer: 1. None, they are purely decorative.

Med lights are lights that are strung from bow to stern, over the highest mast on a ship. They are used only in port. Stringing Med lights was one of the worst duties an Electrician's Mate (EM) could pull. It is hard work because the cables are heavy, have to be spliced together, and all of the lights - hundreds of them - have to be kept lit. They basically make the ship look pretty at night, having nothing to do with safety. Most commanding officers are gung-ho about Med lights.
5. In which state is the main Navy SEALs training facility based?

Answer: c. California

There are several compounds for Navy SEALs operations in America, but there is only one main complex for the Navy SEALs program which is California.
6. As you leave, you notice the Quarter deck has moved, "The gangway's right over there," says Jack, pointing to a flight of steps leading down to the pier. "When you leave, say hi to Chief Brown for me. He's the OOD."
Who or what is the "OOD?"

Answer: 1. Officer of the Deck because I said “gangway” (only on ships), on shore Officer of the Day would be correct.

While the Captain of a ship has absolute control of the vessel under his command, he can't be awake and in charge 24/7. When the Captain is not on duty, his functions are performed by the "Officer of the Deck." At sea, this is almost always a commissioned officer, but on smaller ships the function may be filled by an enlisted man while the ship is in port.

On shore, it’s call “Officer of the Day”. Please note, that in boot camp even though you are on shore, they consider you being on a ship. All the buildings are called ships so the new recruits get use to using that work, so the OOD at RTC Great Lakes are called “Officer of the Deck”.

7. You’re the new guy on ship, the Weapons officer ask you to measure the barrel length of the MK45 - 5 inch 54 Caliber gun. How long will it be?

Answer: 3 - 270 inches (22 ½ feet)

To get barrel length (on any gun), you multiply the diameter of the shell (in this case, 5 inch) by the caliber of the gun (in this case 54 caliber) which will equal \( 5 \times 54 = 270 \) inches. Technically, the caliber of a rifle (Naval guns are technically rifles) is the ratio between the barrel length and the shell diameter, but the Math works in reverse.
8. Jerry just checked aboard the ship. His shipmate tells him that the duty is great, but watch out for the Knee-knockers.

What is a “Knee-knocker”? 

Answer: 2 A lower lip passageway opening through a bulkhead.

So called because they can wreak havoc on the shins of those new to shipboard life.

Man, it really, really hurts. It was actually kind of funny waiting to use the toilets at night. You would look under the stall door to see if it was available, only to see black & blue shins (ie the new guys).
9. During log PT, if a boat crew drops their log, what log do they pick up?

Answer: 1. "Old Misery"

If one of the boat crews drops their log (150 pounds) or even hesitates during log PT, they have to pick up "Old Misery", a log that weighs over 250 pounds.

They have to lift it up on their shoulders, then lift up and over their heads to bring down on their other shoulder.

They do this for quite some time, then they have to slowly put the log in the sand without dropping it, or they have to do the process all over.
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Why?

Answer: 1 It’s an airline flight number, TWA-847, on which a sailor had died.

Note: WARNING, TISSUE ALERT!

Since I am veteran, and I will not sugarcoat this. Those that have lots of emotions probably need to stop reading now, because this is VERY emotional.

Not everything is fun and games in the U.S. Navy. I made this post to teach people about the Navy.

We must never forget those that protected us.
Steelworker Second Class (Diver) Robert D. Stethem, United States Navy Sailor, was a murder victim due to terrorism.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut and raised in Waldorf, Maryland, he was one of three sons (his father and two brothers also served in the US Navy; his mother worked for the Navy as a civilian). After graduating from Thomas Stone High School in 1980, he joined the US Navy, where he was trained as a diver and as a steelworker. He was assigned to the Navy Underwater Construction Team No. 1 in Norfolk, Virginia, and in 1985, the team was sent to Nea Makri, Greece, to repair a Navy Communications facility.
On June 15, 1985, Navy Diver Robert Dean Stethem; was on his way home after a tour of duty in the Middle East onboard TWA flight 847 (Athens to Rome). Hezballah Shi’ites hijacked the plane with 153 passengers onboard in Athens Greece. The terrorists soon became suspicious that there were military personnel on board. In airline stewardess Uli Derickson's account; she was forced to collect all passports from all passengers. When she got to Robert Stethem, she did not collect his identification (military ID) for his own safety. When his I.D. was not collected, one of the hijackers demanded to know why, and collected the I.D himself. The hijackers then redirected the plane to Beirut, and demanded fuel once on the ground. When the international tower refused fuel, the gunmen grabbed Stethem out of his seat, pushed him towards the cockpit door and bound him with rope. The terrorists then proceeded to beat and torture him beyond recognition in order to make him scream into a transmitter (so that the tower would send a fuel truck). Not a cry was heard to come from him, despite the brutal beating he endured. Instead he chose to remain silent and endure the beatings because he knew that the only way a rescue attempt could be conducted by U.S. forces was if the aircraft remained on the ground.

After Stethem was beaten, tortured and bleeding from puncture wounds all over his body, he was placed next to a 16-year old Australian girl. As bad as he was beaten, he had the courage and strength to comfort and console her. He told her that, "She would be okay and that she would get out of here alive." When she tried to return the comfort, he said, "No, I don't think so. I am the only one in my group that is not married and some of the guys have children, too." He felt it was fair that the terrorists focus stay on him; that he would die so that the rest of the passengers could live. Some time later, he was again taken up to the cockpit and tortured in order to get the fuel. But it didn't work, he simply would not give in to them.
One of the hijackers was so enraged that he dragged Stethem to the door, pulled a trigger and shot him in the head. Then he dumped his body onto the tarmac. As they killed him with a pistol shot to the head, his last words were a prayer to God for strength. His face and body was so badly mangled that he could only be identified by his fingerprints. While Stethem was being dragged to the door, he knew that all he had to do in order to live was to cry into that transmitter, but he wouldn't do it. When the pilot of TWA 847 was later asked about his impression of Stethem, he simply said: "He was the bravest man I've ever seen in my life".

The Stethem family is a Navy family. His mother was a civilian Navy administrator, his father and brothers were SEALs.

"Every time I look at the flag now and for the rest of my life," said Kenneth Stethem, "the red will represent the blood he spilled, the blue the beating and bruises he endured, and the white the purity and integrity he demonstrated in sacrificing his life."

In December 2005, hijacker Mohammed Ali Hamadi was released after 19 years from his prison in Germany despite strong U.S. objections. Shortly thereafter, the U.S. State Department made the following statement: "We will track him down, we will find him and we will bring him to justice in the United States for what he's done."
On February 12, 2008 Imad Mughniyeh, the man behind the TWA 847 hijacking and the 1983 attack on the Marine barracks in Beirut was assassinated in Damascus, Syria. It is suspected that this was a combined covert operation by Israel and American operators. Good riddance - @sshole!

Honors:
1. SW2(DV) Robert D. Stethem was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for heroism and bravery.

His citation for the Bronze Star for Heroism reads:

"For heroic achievement on 15 June 1985 while assigned to Detachment NM-85 of Underwater Construction Team One, deployed to the Naval Communications Station Nea Makri, Greece. Petty Officer Stethem displayed exceptional valor and professional integrity while a hostage of militant Shiite hijackers of TWA Flight 847 at Athens International Airport, Algiers, Algeria, and at Beirut, Lebanon. Exhibiting physical, moral, and emotional courage beyond extraordinary limits, Petty Officer Stetham endured a senseless and brutal beating at the hands of his fanatical captors. He drew upon an unwavering inner strength and absorbed the punishment. The hijackers were infuriated by his refusal to succumb, a symbol to them of the strength of the United States of America, and in their cowardly desperation, shot him to death. Petty Officer Stetham's courage, steadfast determination, and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. Signed by John Lehman, Secretary of the Navy."
2. On 21 October 1995 the Navy's 13th Aegis Destroyer USS STETHEM (DD-63) was commissioned and still serves with honor.
3. Robert D. Stethem Memorial Park was opened in 1990 in Waldorf, VA. It includes 10 ball fields, two of which have 90-foot infields; the complex is the main complex for Waldorf American and Waldorf National Little Leagues.

4. The U.S. Navy Seabees named the Port Hueneme Naval Construction Training Center Headquarters Building in his honor.

5. A memorial to Robert Dean Stethem sits at MDSU ONE, Hawaii as a reminder of his bravery.

Petty Officer Robert Dean Stethem, Jr is interned at Arlington National Cemetery, Plot: Section 59, Lot 430, Grid EE-25

When “847” shows on the phone, please take a moment and think of this hero……

God bless you shipmate! You shall not be forgotten!
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