OUR MISSION
Navy MWR’s mission is to deliver high-quality, customer-focused programs and services that contribute to resiliency, retention, readiness, and quality of life.

OUR GOALS
Navy MWR conducts activities and events and delivers high-quality, innovative recreation programs in state-of-the-art facilities worldwide. Navy MWR provides excellent customer service, convenient program availability, modern facilities and amenities, a safe program environment, and low or competitive pricing. The money you spend using MWR programs and services is reinvested into the overall program.

MWR PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Fitness
The goal of the Navy Fitness program is to create a fitness for life model. The Navy Fitness program, internationally recognized, provides instruction from certified fitness professionals in cardiovascular conditioning, strength training, flexibility and nutrition.

Aquatics programming includes lap swimming, lessons and specialty programs, such as water aerobics, infrastructural sports programs, provide another outlet to promote fitness and establish an expert core.

Liberty
Liberty offers high-energy recreation programs, superior entertainment experiences, and development of personal leisure skills. Leading to extraordinary and unique opportunities for enjoyment, quality, and advertising in an alcohol and tobacco-free environment. Most Liberty Centers include free use of computers, Internet and wireless Internet, state of the art video game systems, movies and TV rooms, book collections and special events. Liberty tours and events include sporting events, outdoor adventures, shopping trips, employment workshops, deep sea fishing, and community events, including festivals, concerts, and seasonal programs.

Community Recreation
Navy Community Recreation engages patrons by providing recreational programs and services in the areas of outdoor recreation, community events, discount tickets to attractions and vacation bookings, digital MWR development, recreation equipment rentals, parks and picnic areas, and information and referrals to a variety of recreation offerings in the local area.

Library
The Navy MWR Digital Library offers more than 25 online services, available 24/7 from any location with Internet access, for Navy personnel and their families, civilians, and retirees. Many services have an unprecedented ability to make accessing services more easier.

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In 1994, Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes became the Navy’s only recruit training facility. Better known as “boot camp”, recruit training involves a change in the mental and physical capacity of the new recruit. From the first day at RTC through graduation day when new Sailors board the bus to depart, recruits find themselves in a whirl of activity. Every recruit entering the Navy today will remember RTC as their introduction to Navy life.

When the young men and women arrive at RTC, they are formed into divisions and assigned to three Recruit Division Commanders (RDCs). During their seven-week stay at RTC, the RDCs work together to mold the new recruits into Sailors. RDCs are Chief Petty Officers or Senior Petty Officers specially selected for their leadership and teaching abilities. They must represent and teach Navy tradition, customs and discipline.

During the first training week, divisions enter into the competitive aspects of training. Excellence in academic achievement, military drill, cleanliness and athletics all count toward earning recognition flags. Competition encourages teamwork and develops pride in achievement. The climax of the competitive series is the “Pass in Review” ceremonies where the best divisions can earn Battle “E”, CNO or Hall of Fame honors.

At the end of the seventh training week, recruits undergo a final evaluation called Battle Stations 2. This 12-hour event culminates in the award of a Navy Ball-cap to replace the recruit ball cap that each recruit wears during training. The symbolic change of hats indicates their status as Sailors in the World’s Finest Navy.

The U.S. Navy has suspended all recruit training Command formal, large-scale graduation ceremonies until further notice as part of its proactive approach to protect our mission and limit the potential spread of COVID-19. Recruits will continue to graduate and participate in a smaller-scale ceremony, which will be video-taped and posted each FRIDAY on our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/NavyRecruitTrainingCommand/. This virtual graduation will remain posted on Facebook and YouTube indefinitely for subsequent viewing.