Performing detailed data collection and analysis

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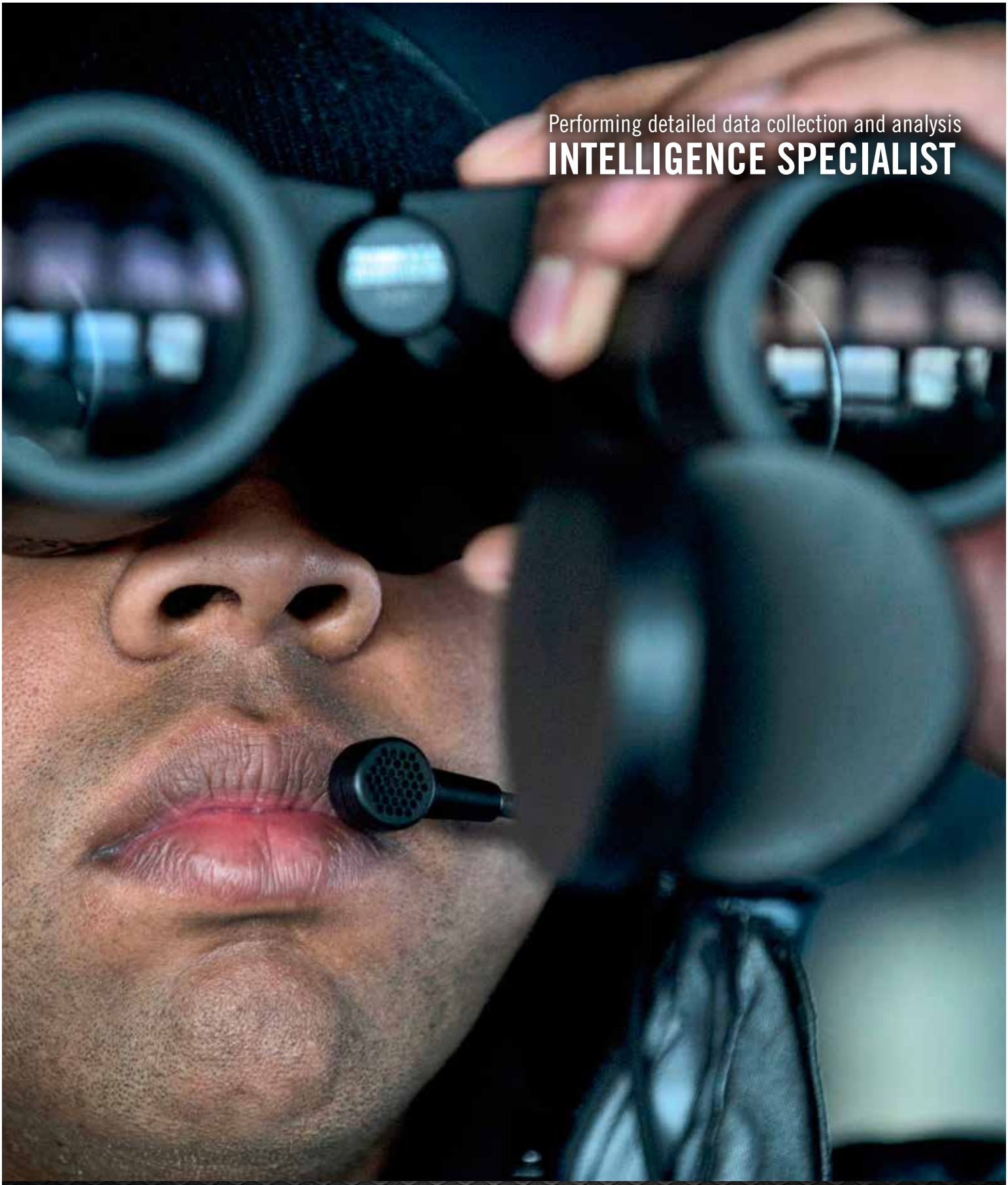

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Gathering data from a multitude of sources. Filtering out what's important. Getting that information into the hands of military leadership and decision makers. Intelligence Specialists play a hands-on role in the process of transforming raw data into actionable intelligence.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The development of useful intelligence starts with the diligent efforts of skilled professionals who break seemingly limitless data down into relevant and manageable pieces. Those in the Intelligence Specialist (IS) role collect, process, analyze, organize and disseminate information. Prepare materials that communicate their findings in detail. And ultimately, help generate insight that has strategic and tactical implications all over the world.

Serving as Enlisted Sailors (high school diploma or equivalent required), Navy Intelligence Specialists are part of the Information Dominance Corps (IDC) – a group of highly specialized information experts fully integrated across surface, subsurface, air, space and cyberspace domains. With shared functions, capabilities and resources, IDC members leverage their skills to optimize decision making and to maximize the use of sensors, weapons, network communications and control systems for purposes of national security and warfighting.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

A critical part of the operational decision-making process, Intelligence Specialists provide multi-source intelligence data that supports combat operations along with national and strategic objectives. As an IS professional, you will work with potentially classified material and perform duties that may include:

- Analyzing intelligence information
- Preparing and presenting briefings and reports
- Preparing graphics and overlays
- Plotting imagery data using maps and charts
- Planning photographic reconnaissance missions
- Providing input to and receiving data from computerized networks ashore and afloat
- Utilizing intelligence databases, libraries and files
- Working under the oversight of Intelligence Officers (four-year degree required) who serve as managers of intelligence-related activities

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Intelligence Specialists serve on large ships, with aircraft squadrons and at various intelligence production centers located in the U.S. or overseas – generally dividing time equally between assignments ashore and afloat. The work – which supports the intelligence mission of the Navy on land, at sea, under the sea and in the air – is mostly analytical. Typically, duties are performed in an office or watch environment and involve working closely with others – though the capability to operate without supervision is also required.

MAINTAINING SUPERIORITY IN THE INFORMATION AGE INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

In a highly networked world, information is everywhere – easier to access and increasingly exploitable. Today's technological advancements make information both a formidable weapon and a constant threat – to the point that it has evolved into a type of warfare all its own. With this in mind, America's Navy has the **Information Dominance Corps (IDC)** – a community charged with mastering the capabilities, tools and techniques required to effectively collect, process, analyze and apply information.

Gathering data through sources ranging from advanced cyberspace operations to unmanned surveillance systems. Converting data into effective and actionable intelligence. Maintaining cutting-edge communications networks that effectively share and safeguard information. It's all part of the mission for those who serve in the professional areas of information and technology in America's Navy – for those warriors who do battle within the cyberspace domain and the electromagnetic spectrum.

Made up of both Enlisted Sailors and Officers, IDC members specialize in information-intensive fields that include **Information Management, Information Technology, Information Warfare, Cyber Warfare, Cryptology, Intelligence, and Meteorology & Oceanography.** Collaboratively, they develop and defend vital intelligence, networks and systems. Managing the critical information that supports U.S. Navy, Joint and national warfighting requirements. Maintaining the Navy's essential technological edge.

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TRAINING AND ADVANCEMENT

Upon completion of initial 7–9 week Recruit Training (known as Boot Camp), those pursuing an Intelligence Specialist role report to Dam Neck, Va., where they receive formal Navy technical training at "A" School for approximately 13 weeks followed by advanced training at "C" School for 5–13 weeks. Through this schooling, they develop the working knowledge it takes to be Navy IS professionals in preparation for their first assignment.

Starting with extensive technical preparation in everything from intelligence administration to operational intelligence, skills continue to be enhanced through on-the-job training and experience. Advanced training in intelligence procedures and equipment go along with career progression. In the course of service, specialized training received could lead to credentialing, certification, licensure and/or apprenticeship opportunities from a number of national boards and organizations. Promotion opportunities are regularly available but competitive and based on performance.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Beyond offering access to professional credentials and certifications, Navy technical and operational training in the field of intelligence can translate to credit hours toward a bachelor's or associate degree through the American Council on Education. You may also continue your education through opportunities like the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Navy (SOCNAV) Degree Program, Navy College Program and Tuition Assistance, and the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

PAY RANGE

Intelligence Specialists are rewarded with excellent benefits – including competitive pay that's dependent upon rank or rate and years in service. Like most positions, your increase in rate and rank is earned. Promotions depend upon your performance and time in service.

BENEFITS

When it comes to financial advantages, the Navy amounts to much more than a competitive paycheck. As a Sailor in the Navy, you can look forward to:*

- Supplemental/bonus pay
- Scheduled pay raises and regular promotions
- Postgraduate education, fully funded by the Navy
- Post-9/11 GI Bill – funding for you or your family to use for school
- 30 days' vacation with pay earned every year
- Outstanding retirement benefits, plus a 401(k)-like thrift savings plan
- Comprehensive medical and dental coverage
- Tax-free allowances for housing and meals
- Tax-free shopping privileges at military stores
- Free or low-cost travel opportunities
- Access to military bases, clubs and recreational facilities all over the world
- 100% tuition assistance while serving
- Credentials/Certifications through Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (Navy COOL)

You could even qualify for college loan repayment assistance. Or, if you're still in school, the Navy may cover 100% of your tuition. Find out the details about this and many other financial and educational benefits at **navy.com.**

*Benefits and training vary for Navy Reserve service. Contact a Navy Reserve Recruiter for details.

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS?

Once you're inspired, better informed and seriously interested, here's how to proceed:

1. TALK TO YOUR RECRUITER

- Ask questions
- Discuss your long-term goals
- Review your qualifications
- Go over relevant financial incentives and bonuses

2. APPLY FOR THE POSITION

- Provide personal information that includes your birth certificate, social security card and professional details (if applicable)
- Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) to help assess your skills and interests
- Pass a full medical examination
- Participate in a precommitment interview

3. BEGIN YOUR TRAINING

- Attend Boot Camp in Great Lakes, IL (8–10 weeks)
- Get advanced skills training at a Navy "A" School (time varies depending on specialty)
- From there, you're ready to start serving as a Sailor and respected professional

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QUALIFICATIONS

A high-school diploma or equivalent is required to become an Enlisted Sailor in the intelligence field in the Navy. Those seeking an Intelligence Specialist position must be U.S. citizens who can meet eligibility requirements for a Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information security clearance. They should have good speaking, writing and record-keeping skills, a good working aptitude of math, and the capability to do highly detail-oriented work.

AFTER THE NAVY

The specialized training and expertise you gain as an Intelligence Specialist, coupled with your security clearance, may prepare you for a wide range of job opportunities available within the U.S. Intelligence Community, including future employment with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or National Security Agency (NSA).

Other career opportunities in the civilian sector include work as Computer Systems Analysts, Intelligence Analysts, Management Analysts, Software Developers and Geographers.

SERVICE OPTIONS

Active Duty Sailors serve full-time. This allows you to take full advantage of the available career and leadership opportunities. Enjoy the broad range of benefits. And experience incredible possibilities for travel and adventure.

Reserve Sailors serve part-time. This way you can maintain a civilian career while serving as few as two days a month and two weeks a year. With opportunities for additional service and pay. Additionally, you'll have the possibility of flexible drilling options to better meet service requirements. While enjoying many of the same advantages and benefits of full-time service.

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