NAVY DECK LOGS PROGRAM

Managing and Maintaining Some of the Navy's Most Important Records

WHAT IS A DECK LOG?





In Navy language, any kind of continuing record is called a "log." Deck logs are one of the most important types of logs, serving as a permanent record of a ship's daily activities and significant events while deployed and in port.

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Function



This program is a year-round operation, receiving materials from the fleet on a daily basis.

Mission



To preserve the deck logs for the future fleet and to make them accessible to current Navy leaders and veterans.

Managed By



The program is managed by the Navy Archives, a branch of the Naval History and Heritage Command.

Deck Log Contest



The program runs a contest that carries on a longstanding Navy tradition: New Year's Day deck log entries, which are written like poetry!

DID YOU KNOW?

Thousands of requests for deck logs are received each year and about 60% of requests are made by veterans.



NHHC receives deck logs up to the Secret classification, and the Office of Naval Intelligence receives deck logs at the Top Secret and above classification.



The Archives can process up to

3966
deck logs a year.









Submissions are sent in via mail and electronically. Digital submissions include email, file transfer protocol (FTP), and digital media (CDs/floppy disks).



The Navy Archives conducts fleet engagement throughout the year with staff conducting in person and virtual training.



One deck log encompasses a ship's or submarine's daily entries for a month.