



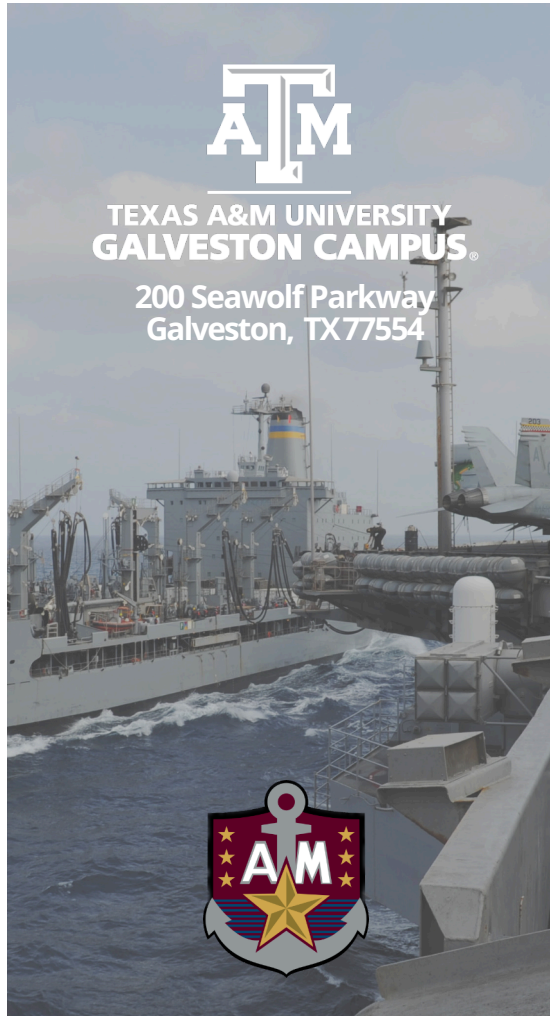
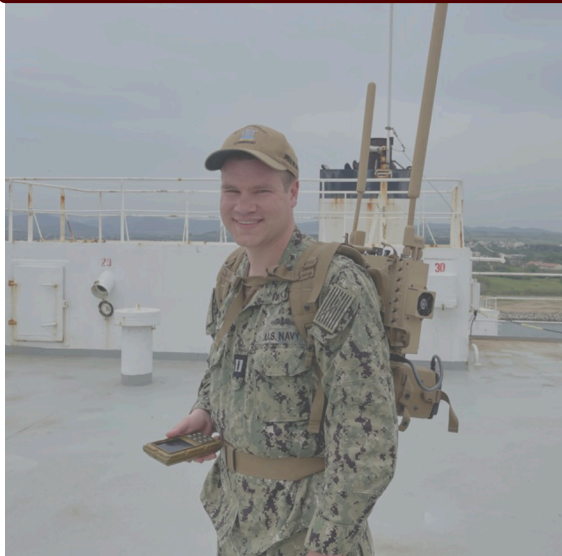
What is the Strategic Sealift Officer Force?

The Strategic Sealift Officer Force provides warfare qualified Navy Reserve Restricted Line Officers with Unlimited Licenses and military training to activate, operate, and sustain strategic sealift to support Joint Force and Fleet requirements in contested maritime environments.

Most notably, during World War II, they were known as the Merchant Marines transporting wartime supplies and troops to Europe. Without them and the might of U.S. ship building, we would've lost the war.

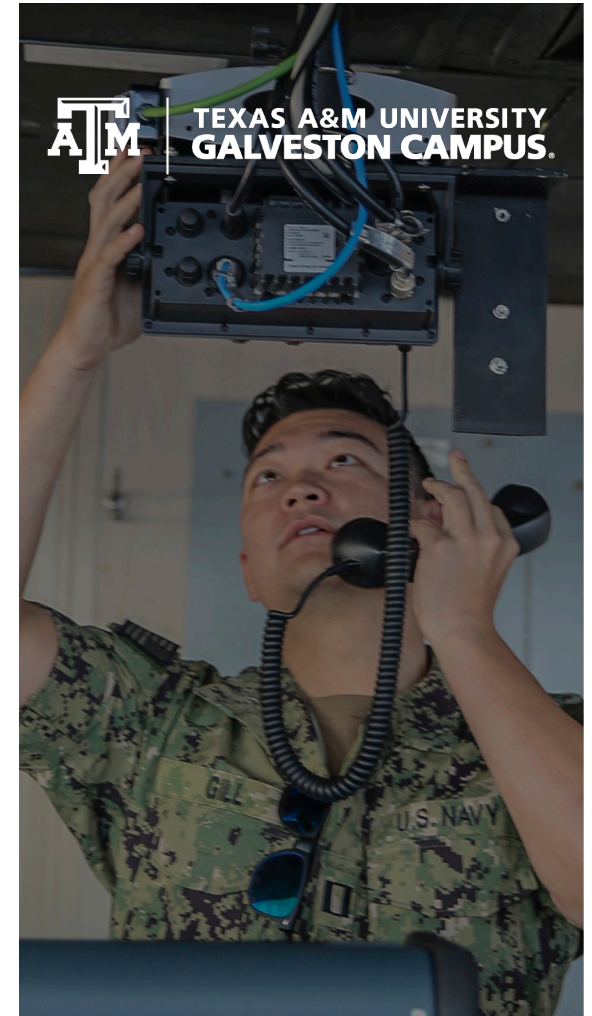
Today's SSOs are under the sponsorship of the Military Sealift Command bridging the gap between the military and the merchant marine during peace and war.

SSOs are civilians being employed 96% of the year in the maritime industry and working only 4% of the year as Naval Officers during peace time.



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Strategic Sealift Midshipman Program

The Strategic Sealift Officer Force (SSOF) is an excellent way to serve your country while working in the maritime industry as a Licensed Merchant Mariner. 90% of military cargo travels over the water and SSOs are there to help move the cargo in times of peace and war.

The Strategic Sealift Midshipman Program (SSMP) is designed to train and educate highly qualified students to become commissioned officers in the SSOF component of the U.S. Navy Reserve (USNR) while having a civilian maritime career.

Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be at least 17 (Upon Joining) but less than 42 years of age (Upon Commissioning).
- Be physically qualified.
- Have a satisfactory record of academic ability and moral integrity.
- Be enrolled in a Bachelor of Science Degree or Graduate License Option (LO) Program.
- Have not started your Junior year or have at least 2 years before graduation.

Requirements

- Pass the Navy BCA/PRT at a "Satisfactory-High" each semester.
- Maintain minimum 2.5 GPA Term and Cumulative
- Pass the DoD Medical Examination
- Take 3 Naval Science Courses
 1. NVSC 101
 2. NVSC 200 (Required for All Cadets)
 3. NVSC 402 (Seniors)
- Participate in the NROTC Program
- Unit PT twice a week
- Unit Leadership Labs



Student Incentive Program \$32,000

Once a student passes the DoD Medical Examination, they can apply for the U.S. Maritime Administration's **Student Incentive Program**.

If selected, a student will be entitled to \$32,000 divided* out per semester for their time in the SSMP as long as they are within good standing. SIP can be used towards **Summer Sea Terms**, subsistence, uniforms, books, or tuition.

The SIP Program requires students to obtain a Coast Guard Unlimited License and to apply for, and accept if offered, a Reserve officer commission in the U.S. Navy.

A student who receives SIP incurs an 8-year obligation/contract to MARAD.

**\$2,000 Per Semester for Freshman and Sophomores and \$6,000 for Juniors and Seniors. Payouts are larger if the student joins later.*

Apply

1. Applications are on the Texas A&M Maritime Academy Home Page under Prospective Cadets. <https://tamug.edu/corps>
2. Fill out the NROTC College Program Application and Authorization for Release of Records Form
3. Write a letter to the Officer in Charge on why you want to be in the program.
4. Submit Application to Student Enrollment Services at admissions@tamug.edu
5. Register for interest in SIP via <https://sip.marad.dot.gov/>

*"It's like a rewards club offered by the Navy for sailing on your license as a civilian in exchange for your seafaring skills if war were ever to break out."
-LT Pearson Smith '14*

Post Commissioning & Graduation

8 Year Minimum Obligation to 20 Year Retirement Benefits

Upon Graduation and Commissioning, the Minimum Obligation is 8 years in the Navy Reserves.

- 2 weeks of Active Duty Training per year. That's a total of 4 months in 8 years.
- Maintain Navy Physical & Health Readiness Status each year.
- Submit an Annual Service Compliance Report to MARAD each year.
- First 3 years of sailing at least 150 days per year aboard a U.S. Flagged Vessel.
- Maintain your Unlimited USCG License and STCW for at least 6 years.
- After 8 years, get out with an Honorable Discharge without retaining benefits.

Go Further with 20 years in the Navy Reserves.

- Achieve 20 Good Retirement Years with minimal annual requirements while maintaining a license.
- Earn a military retirement pension at age 62
- Earn free TRICARE for Life at age 65
- Retain Military Benefits

The more time you put into the program, the more benefits you gain.



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