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Job Recruiter was Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR)

- **How long at job?**
 - 5 years total: 1 ½ years recruiting, 3 years in japan, 2 month boot camp, 4 months in A school, and 2 months in recruiting school.
- **What do you like about the job?**
 - I order flight equipment so I decided to buy my own flight gear/suit and I work hand in hand with pilots . This job has good perks you talk with officers a lot you work with cool equipment there are only 2 shifts for work day shift and night shift and you travel a lot.
- **What is challenging?**
 - Errors because if you make a mistake it could cost someone their life.
- **How's the job rewarding?**
 - It sets me up for success in the civilian world. They give you the opportunity to grow; they give a leadership position to those who are experienced. Even if you aren't the brightest in the bunch, they'll still give it to you.
- **What has changed in the profession in the last 5-10 years?**
 - I'm a recruiter; I was a PR and I'm not longer hands-on the equipment. I'm signing off paper work which is more of a leadership position and gives me room to grow. The name of the job has changed. No longer will you be called by your job title; AC1 Southerland will now be something like S459858.
- **What sort of training/education did you need for the job?**
 - All I needed for my job was a high school diploma. My A school was in Pensacola. There are 3 phases of liberty policies which establishes your curfew time or if you can just be off base for a weekend. There were also weekend parties for studying. A school teaches you similar to how a college works only your not getting a degree and you're in the military.
- **Was the work difficult?**
 - No you basical get your job that you preselect. The LPO teaches you what you need to know at that specific command.
- **Has the job market changed in the Navy?**
 - The Navy is trying to expand the jobs that it has available
- **What advice would you give someone just entering this field?**
 - Get your qualifications fast; it all transfers over into the civilian world and will make you very competitive in the job market. And don't have a thick skin or skull because when your higher ups or senior sailors tell you

something, they are only trying to help you. Think of yourself as an ambassador because now you represent the navy of our country.

- **What is the biggest benefit of joining the Navy?**
 - One benefit is that you can travel. Australia is really fun--probably the best. Singapore was also a really good experience. I went to Korea and Japan, Wake Island, Hawaii, Guam and Malaysia. Other branches tend to be more locked in, but in the Navy ship is like a mobile base.

The Navy isn't for everyone, but it changes a person--it gives them a level of respect and responsibility as they are trusted with other people's lives. Jobs are competitive within the Navy, but when you get out, you will be better prepared to enter the job market than someone right out of high school and probably even college as you've got experience now. Unlike other jobs, the Navy will have you travel more than other branches. To be able to do the job of a recruiter or PR, all that is needed is a high school diploma in order to be a PR or a recruiter, but you must be at least an E-5 but no higher than E-7 to be a recruiter. And to be successful in the Navy, you must be willing to listen to and work with others as the Navy is a big team or family.