

SHIP'S ORGANIZATION

A. General:

1. Each ship of the navy operates under the authority of an Officer ordered to command the ship by the **Flag Officer-In-Command, PN**.
2. His principal assistant is the Executive Officer.
3. Ships are organized into at least five (5) departments:
 - a) Operations Department
 - b) Engineering Department
 - c) Deck and Gunnery Department
 - d) Supply Department
 - e) Medical Department
4. Certain other Department are established according to the type of ship and its operational requirements.
5. In smaller ships, an officer maybe assigned as head of a more that one department.

B. The Commanding Officer:

1. The CO is the Officer In Command of a navy ship.
2. He is a line officer and in case of his absence or death, he is succeeded by the line officer next in rank.
3. Whatever his rank maybe, the CO is always called as **CAPTAIN**.
4. The CO represents the ship, speaks and accountable for it.
5. He is responsible for the operation and fighting efficiency of his ship.
6. He is responsible for all members of his crew and their acts and does not make excuses or pass blame to others.
7. He is given full power to enforce navy regulations aboard and to ensure that the crew behaves accordingly.
8. Though all authority, command, direction and responsibilities rest with the Captain, he delegates the duties, necessary for carrying out the ships function to the EX-O, department heads, OOD and to the crew.

C. The Executive Officer

1. He is the line officer next in rank to the captain.
2. Upper the direction of the Captain, he is incharge of all matters relating to personnel, routine and discipline of the crew.
3. He is assisted by:
 - a) Admin & Pers Officer:

- 1) Assist the EX-O assignment and berthing of personnel.
- 2) Responsible for the care and routing of all classified publication.

b) Chief Master at Arms - (CMMA) - He is responsible for the internal discipline of the crew.

4. In case of disability or absence of the Captain, he assumes responsibility of the Captain.

D. The Ship's Departments:

1. Operation Department:

a) Headed by the Operation Officer and is responsible for the collecting, evaluating and dissemination combat and operational info.

b) He may be assisted by:

1) Navigator - Responsible for the safe navigation and piloting.

2) Communication Officer - In charge of visual and electronic communication and classified publications.

3) Combat Information Center (CIC) Officer - responsible for collecting and distributing operational info by whatever method available such as radar and under water search equipment like sonar and water cameras.

2. Deck and Gunnery Department:

a) Ships with sufficient ordinance or anti-craft armaments have a gunnery department headed by the Gunnery Officer. The Gunnery Officer is assisted by the First Lieutenant who is in charge of deck seamanship.

b) Small Ships have the Deck and Gunnery department headed by the First Lieutenant.

c) The **Gunnery Officer** and the **First Lieutenant** are responsible for the operation and maintenance of all deck equipment, proper handling of armaments, ammunition and explosives, upkeep and readiness of cargo gears of and ship boats cleanliness of cargo areas of responsibilities.

3. The Engineering Department:

a. The Engineering Department is headed by the **Engineering Officer** who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of all propulsion and auxiliary machineries, control and repair of damages and all repairs beyond the capacity of other equipment.

b. He is assisted by:

1) Main Propulsion Assistant - in charge of the main propulsion plant and other machineries as any be assigned to him.

2) Damage Control and Repair Assistant - in charge primarily in establishing and maintaining effective damage control organization and supervision of repairs.

3) Electrical Assistant - duties are primarily related to the Operation, maintenance and repair of electrical machineries and gears connected to it.

4. The Supply Department:

a) Headed by the Supply Officer who is responsible for the procurement receipt, storage and issue of supplies required by the ship and the crew.

b) He is responsible for the disbursing of funds payment of bills and salaries of the crew.

c) He is in charge of the general mess and supervision of the ship's store and issue of clothing.

5. The Medical Department:

a) Headed by the Senior Medical Officer who is responsible for maintaining the health of officers and men, treatment and care of the sick and wounded, sanitation and hygiene of the ship, inspection of food, water, and personnel handling it so far as the health of the crew is affected.

b) Ships without a Medical Officer has the CO as the Medical Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Hospitalman. Hospitalman personnel run the department but are assigned to the operations of military and administrative functions.