



United States Navy Biography



*Navy Diver First Class
(DWS)
Jeremiah D. Driggers, U.S. Navy*

ND1 Jeremiah D. Driggers was born in February 1993 in Elk Grove, Illinois, and raised in Palatine, Illinois. Some of his early hobbies included bike riding, paintballing, fishing, and hunting. Before graduating from Palatine High School in June 2011, he worked as a Best Buy Manager for over three and a half years. Always driven by a desire to serve his country, he enlisted in the United States Navy in March 2017 with the goal of becoming a part of Navy Special Operations.

Following the completion of basic training at RTC, Great Lakes, Illinois he reported Center for Explosive Ordinance Disposal and Diving in October 2017 in Great Lakes, Illinois where he completed Navy Diver Preparatory Course. In December of 2017 he reported to NDSTC, Panama City Beach, Florida where he graduated from Navy Diver Second Class Dive School (Class 18-20-2C) in April 2018.

Upon completing Second Class Dive School, ND1 Driggers reported to his first duty station, Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2, Virginia Beach, Virginia, in June 2018. As a Salvage Expert, he played a key role in locating and recovering an Assault Amphibious Vehicle off the coast of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He later deployed to the CENTCOM AOR as part of an Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) mission, conducting underwater inspections to ensure vessels could safely enter and exit ports for resupply and fueling, minimizing their vulnerability. In March 2021, he transferred to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Oahu, Hawaii. As an Underwater Ship Husbandry Specialist, he performed numerous critical waterborne repairs on ships and submarines to include SPM Shaft replacement, replaced of three propellers, six OTAA Transducer replacements. Diving more than eight hours daily, he served as Lead Diver on the first-ever in-water emergent tail cone replacement on a Virginia-class submarine.

In April of 2024, ND1 Driggers reported to 3d Reconnaissance Battalion as the Leading Petty Officer after completing First Class Dive School at Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in March 2024. He also assumed the responsibilities of Leading Chief Petty Officer, directly supervising six Sailors and one Marine in the execution of high-risk diving operations. While at 3d RECON BN, he played a vital role in a life-saving hyperbaric medical treatment for a diver suffering from arterial gas embolism and decompression sickness, ensuring the patient returned fit for full duty status.

ND1 has earned Diving Warfare Specialist and expeditionary Warfare Specialist. His decorations include Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5), Good Conduct Medal (3), and various unit awards and citations.