

MILITARY TERMS / MARINE JARGON

As You Were	Cancel the previous command, or go back to the last position you were at
Aye, Aye, Sir!/ Ma'am!	I heard what you said, I understand what you said, and I will obey
Bulkhead	Wall
Carry On	Continue with what you were doing
Chow	Food. Can also be used in place of the words breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Example: We will P.T. right after chow.
Cover	This means three things. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The uniform article that covers your head b. To put your cover on your head c. Align yourself in formation from front to rear
Deck	Floor
Esprit de Corps	Readiness for action and courage
Evening Colors	Ceremony of lowering the flag at sundown
Field Day	General housecleaning. When a field day is performed, everything is cleaned from top to bottom.
Firewatch	Person or individuals assigned the duty of maintaining order after lights out
Galley	Kitchen
Gear	Personal belongings, Issued equipment
Grinder	Drill field
Gung Ho	"Can Do!"
Hatch	Door
Head	Bathroom, washroom, or restroom
Ladder	Stairway
Mess Hall	Dining hall or dining room
Morning Colors	Ceremony of raising the flag at sunrise
Overhead	Ceiling
Passageway	Doorway or corridor
Pipe down!	Quiet!
Pogey Bait	Candy, cookies, snacks
Police	To straighten up or tidy up
Port	Left side (as you face to the front)
P.T.	Physical Training
Rack	Bed, bunk
Scuttlebutt	Gossip, or a water fountain
Secure	Lock up, or to stop work
Semper Fidelis	Always Faithful (The Marine Corps Motto)
Skivvies	Underwear
Square Away	To straighten, make ship shape, or to get settled
Stand By	Get ready
Starboard	Right Side
Stow	To put your gear away
Swab	A mop
Topside	Upstairs or upper deck
Uncover	To remove your headgear