

## **My First Navy Paycheck!**

Before I joined the Navy I sailed as a third mate onboard an ore ship out of Sparrows Point, Baltimore. Each 10 day round trip to Venezuela I would make about \$1500 – including overtime.

The draft caught up with me, so I joined the U.S. Navy. After my first month in the Navy, the supply officer handed me my pay check for the entire month, \$322.00!! I said, "This is a joke, you have to be kidding me, etc., etc. I'm getting out of this chicken - - outfit!!"

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