







+ NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS LEGENDS + PHARMACISTS



 In **1854**, the Navy began procuring **trained pharmacists as surgeon stewards** (later known as apothecaries) aboard ships.

 In 1898, **25 pharmacists** were appointed warrant officers in the Navy Hospital Corps. Forty-nine years later, pharmacists were sworn into the Navy Medical Service Corps. **Pharmacists are the only specialty to serve as plankowners of two corps.**

 During World War II, 165 trained pharmacists / pharmacy students were killed in action. This includes **31 Navy warrant officers and hospital corpsmen who were trained as pharmacists.** Among them was Paul Frament who later became the namesake **USS Frament (DE 677).**

 In 1947, pharmacists comprised **15%** of the new Medical Service Corps.

