

How You Can Help With SquidlyAIR

So, you want to help do you? OUTSTANDING! I can't wait to work with you.

Here's what you will need to do:

- Pick a topic that you can devote 7-12 minutes to: It must be something covered on a recent (ie: within the last 1-2 years) Navy Advancement Exam – and is UNCLASSIFIED. This should help us keep the amount of antiquated and useless topics down to a minimum, and stop someone from classifying my server (not a good thing).
- Said topic may be read from a Navy pub. You may elect to paraphrase, if it is easier for you, but it must be close enough to be helpful on an exam.
- If you pick an item that is not sourced from a Navy pub and is specifically copyrighted, sadly, I will be unable to use it. However, if you find an article or instructional that is not copyrighted (or write your own) AND is useful for AIR study then I will take it. Your source(s) will be needed upon submission of your audio file.
- Contact me at squidlyair//@//gmail//.//com (the link does not work BTW, purposely) and give me the following details:

Your topic title: *BJM - Chapter 7 Military Fundamentals - Military Drill*

Roughly how long you anticipate your segment being: *~10 minutes*

How you want to be introduced: *BM1 "Casty" Castillo*

When you anticipate having your portion completed and sent my way: *~30 March*

- Record your portion and edit it as much as you can. Generally, if you keep your background noise to a minimum, use just about any USB microphone (or head set - for you on-line gamers), kick out all the long silences and "uuuhhhh's," and save the final product as a WAV, MP3 or OGG, I will be able to use it. Please also make sure your audio does not overdrive an average set of speakers – we have our Shipmates' hearing to think about. Check out my previous podcasts for a sample of acceptable volume levels.
- When recording, please preface your portion with how you want your name pronounced, and read off the title as you sent it to me in your first volunteering email.
- Contact me when you are done and I will arrange for a method of delivery - especially if the file is a large WAV.

Now, in order for all this magic to begin, you need software to record your voice – and allow you some control over editing it. I use Audacity. It's FREE, works really well, and works on Windows, Mac OS X and various flavors of Linux and UNIX. Download it from here: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/download/> To get a proper introduction to how to use Audacity, hit the links at the bottom of this page. If you want to encode your portion as an MP3 grab the encoder (LAME or LibLAME) for your operating system: <http://lame.sourceforge.net/links.php>

You will also need a device to record your voice. I use a Logitech USB head set. Just make sure that when you are speaking that you're not blowing out eardrums with the sound of your P's – or any other sharp breathy pronunciation. Move the mic head away from your lips to minimize the sound of your breath as you speak.

That's about it. Oh, and I will entertain volunteering efforts from enlisted as well as officers – I'm not picky.

Audacity Tutorial Links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXUJyV6hVHk&>

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/manual-1.2/>