Wet-Suit

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WET-SUIT. The code name used by U.S. Navy Petty Officer First Class Brian M. Forrest. Growing up in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Wet-Suit knew from an early age he wanted to join the Navy, and enlisted upon his high school graduation. He eventually applied for SEAL training, was accepted and completed arguable the military's toughest training program. Like any other SEAL, Wet-Suit gained a reputation for being tough and mean, though many instructors considered him the toughest and meanest. What many overlooked was Wet-Suit's sharp mind which was easy to miss underneath his tough and abrasive personality. He was also trained in underwater demolitions. Seeking even greater challenges, Wet-Suit signed on to the G.I. Joe team.

On his first mission for the team, he accompanied Hawk on a mission to rescue Snake-Eyes from Cobra Island, which led to a fierce battle in the waters around the island. He served on a few more missions for the Joes before the team was suspended following the Battle of Springfield. Wet-Suit later took part in a mission to recover Soviet Naval Captain Bulgakov when the high ranking officer defected to the United States. As the other Joes distracted the October Guard, Wet-Suit and fellow SEAL Torpedo snuck onboard the Russian ship and helped retrieve Bulgakov. He later joined in a near-disastrous mission into Southeast Asia when the Joes were betrayed by the CIA agent who had sent them on the mission to capture a Soviet agent. Shortly after, Wet-Suit and Torpedo again went up against the October Guard, this time to investigate the Guard's mission on Cobra Island, contending with a Cobra BAT in beserker mode and a hungry crocodile. Wet-Suit was one of the few Joes who did not take part in the Cobra Island civil war, and went underground when much of the team was arrested by a corrupt group of Generals, who blamed the operation's failure on Hawk and General Hollingsworth. Wet-Suit joined with the other renegade Joes to help rescue their commanders and clear their name. Wet-Suit served on the team for years until it was shut down in 1994. In the years that followed, Wet-Suit was assigned to the Navy base in Pensacola, Florida, where he met and married his wife, Belinda. She seemed to have a calming effect on her husband, and Wet-Suit's mean disposition softened somewhat, though the SEAL maintained his toughness in the field. In 2001, the Joe team was reinstated and Wet-Suit eventually rejoined, helping track down a nuclear device from the crew of a Russian freighter.

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