



**ABE CAREER PATH
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Aviation Boatswain's Mates – (Launch and Recovery Equipment) (ABE). ABEs play a major role in launching and recovering naval aircraft from land (Naval Air Stations) or ships (CVN). Duties include: Maintaining and performing organizational maintenance on hydraulic and steam catapults, barricades, arresting gear, and arresting gear engines; operating catapult launch and arresting consoles, fire panels, water brakes, blast deflectors and cooling panels.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO ADVANCE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/ShORE FLOW	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
27-30	ABCM	23.1 Yrs	CSEL, ECM, AB Detailer	36	4 th Shore Tour Billet: LCPO/CSEL/Dept LCPO Duty: Staff/School Qualification: SEA
23-27	ABCM ABECS	23.1 Yrs 20.6	CSEL	48	4 th Sea Tour Billet: Maintenance LCPO/Dept LCPO/CSEL/Division LCPO/QA LCPO Duty: CVN Qualification: SEA, Afloat Training Specialist
20-23	ABCM ABECS	23.1 Yrs 20.6	CSEL, CWO, ECM, Rating Detailer/Rating Specialist, Naval Air Station	36	3 rd Shore Tour Billet: Operations LCPO/Schools LCPO/Field Support LCPO/CPO/ Inspector/Staff/Recruiter Duty: Staff/School/NAS Qualification: Local JQR/PQS/MTS
16-20	ABECS ABEC	20.6 Yrs 14.3	MECP, STA-21, OCS, LDO, CWO, Recruiter, RDC, Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Brig Duty, NAVLEAD Instructor, Rating Detailer/Rating Specialist,	48	3 rd Sea Tour Billet: Div or Dept LCPO/MAINT LCPO/W/C CPO/Div CPO/Maint Sup/QA Duty: CVN Qualification: Local JQR/PQS/Afloat Training Specialist
13-16	ABECS ABEC	20.6 Yrs 14.3	AFLOATRAGRU, COMNAVAIRPAC, COMNAVAIRLANT NATTC Pensacola	36	2 nd Shore Tour Billet: Division/WC LCPO/CPO Prod Sup/ /Instructor/LPO/Recruiter/RDC Duty: Staff/School/NAS. Qualification: Local JQR/PQS/MTS
8-13	ABEC ABE1	14.3 Yrs 9.3		60	2 nd Sea Tour Billet: Catapult or Arresting Gear Maint Crew CPO/LPO/Catapult Captain Duty: CVN Qualification: Local JQR/PQS
5-8	ABE2 ABE3	4.7 Yrs 3.2	MECP, STA-21, Naval Academy, NROTC, Recruiter, RDC, USS CONSTITUTION, Brig Duty, NATTC Pensacola	36	1 st Shore Tour Billet: Arresting Gear or Launch & Recovery Maint Tech/General Duty/Recruiter Duty: Staff/School/NAS Qualification: Local JQR/PQS/MTS



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1-5	ABE2 ABE3	4.7 Yrs 3.2		55	1 st Sea Tour Billet: Catapult or Arresting Gear Operator. Duty: CVN Qualification: Local JQR/PQS
1+/-	ABEAN ABEAA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit Training and all schools or training events required to be completed prior to reporting to their operational tour

Notes:

1. "A" School is not required
2. ABE's are only detailed to CVN's for sea assignments
3. Those serving on FORD class CVN's are considered experts on that platform and are often detailed to that assignment for extended periods of time
4. This is a compression rating – ABE/ABH/ABF ratings compress to AB rating at Master Chief
5. Common acronyms associated to this career path

AAG	Advanced Arresting Gear
ABE	Aviation Boatswains Mate (Launch and Recovery Equipment)
ADTT	AIR Department Training Team
ATG	Afloat Training Group
BUPERS	Bureau of Naval Personnel
CDQAR	Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Rep.
CMEO	Command Managed Equal Opportunity
CNAF	Commander Naval Air Forces
CNAL	Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic
CNAP	Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific
CNATT	Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training
COMFRC	Commander Fleet Readiness Center
CORR CTRL	Corrosion Control
CPOA	Chief Petty Officer's Association
CSEL	Command Senior Enlisted Leader
CWO	Chief Warrant Officer
DCTT	Damage Control Training Team
DET	Detachment
EAWS	Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist
ECM	Enlisted Community Manager
EMALS	Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System
FCPOA	First Class Petty Officer's Association
FRC	Fleet Readiness Center
FRS	Fleet Readiness Squadron
LCPO	Leading Chief Petty Officer
LDO	Limited Duty Officer
LPO	Leading Petty Officer
MECP	Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program
MTS	Master Training Specialist
NAS	Naval Air Station



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NATTC	Naval Air Technical Training Center
NPC	Navy Personnel Command
NROTC	Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps
OCS	Officer Candidate School
OOD	Officer of the Deck
PERS	Personnel
PO	Petty Officer
QA	Quality Assurance
QAR	Quality Assurance Representative
QAS	Quality Assurance Supervisor
RDC	Recruit Division Commander
SEA	Senior Enlisted Academy
STA-21	Seaman To Admiral

Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7

1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Should have served as W/C or DIV LPO
- Fully qualified in at least one background (i.e. Catapult Captain (PQS 317), AGPO (PQS 310)
- Ford Class CVN - should be fully qualified in at least one background (i.e. EMALS Supervisor (PQS 313), AAG PO (PQS 311)
- Should be qualified JOOD/OOD(I/P)
- Should have earned at least two warfare pins
- DCTT team or other Training Team member - Repair Locker Leader or other Damage Control organization involvement, ADTT
- Should be Afloat Training Specialist (ATS) Qualified if program exists
- Asst Command Collateral (ie: ACFL) with documented impact
- FCPOA involvement
- Sailor 360 active involvement

2. Shore Assignments (all)

- Personnel assigned to, CNATTU, ABE “A” School or “C” School Instructors with 805A NEC, are carefully screened and selected for that assignment and are highly valued by the ABE community. It’s highly recommended that those serving as an instructor in any capacity obtain their Master Training Specialist Certification
- Personnel Assigned to RTC as a Recruit Division Commander or assigned to Recruiting Duty are carefully screened and selected for this high priority assignment
- FCPOA involvement; FCPOA elected position is highly favorable
- Sailor 360 active involvement
- Command Collateral with documented impact

Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8

1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Successfully served as the W/C, QAS, MAINT CHIEF, DIV, or DEPT LCPO
- Fully qualified in at least one background (i.e. Catapult Captain (PQS 317), AGPO (PQS 310)
- Should be qualified OOD(I/P), Primary or Assistant Section Leader, and other outside the normal scope (ie: ATTWO, OOD(U/W)
- Ford Class CVN - should be fully qualified in at least one background (i.e. EMALS Supervisor (PQS 313), AAG PO (PQS 311)
- Should have earned at least two warfare pins
- Air Department Training Team member. DCTT, Repair Locker Leader or other Damage Control organization involvement is highly favorable
- Should be Afloat Training Specialist (ATS) Qualified if program exists
- Command Collateral with documented impact
- CPO mess involvement. Elected position is highly favorable



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- Sailor 360 active involvement and Initiation Committee lead

2. Shore Assignments (all)

- Personnel assigned to TYCOM Staff, ATG, CNATTU, ABE “A” School or “C” school instructors with 805A NEC, are carefully screened and selected for that assignment and are highly valued by the ABE community. It’s highly recommended that those serving as an instructor in any capacity obtain their Master Training Specialist Certification
- Personnel Assigned to RTC as a Recruit Division Commander or assigned to Recruiting Duty are carefully screened and selected for this high priority assignment
- Command Collateral with documented impact
- CPOA involvement. Elected Position is highly favorable
- Sailor 360 active involvement and Initiation Committee lead

Considerations for advancement from E8 to E9

1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Successfully served as the W/C, QAS, MAINT CHIEF, DIV, or DEPT LCPO
- Fully qualified in at least one background (i.e. Catapult Captain (PQS 317), AGPO (PQS 310).
- Should be qualified OOD(I/P) and served as a Senior Section Leader
- Should have earned at least two warfare pins
- Air Department Training Team member. DCTT, Repair Locker Leader or other Damage Control organization involvement is highly favorable
- Command Collateral with documented impact
- CPO mess involvement and holding a position
- Sailor 360 active involvement and initiation committee lead

2. Shore Assignments (all)

- Personnel assigned to TYCOM Staff, ATG, CNATTU, ABE “A” School or “C” School with NEC 805A, are carefully screened and selected for that assignment and are highly valued by the ABE community. It’s highly recommended that those serving as an instructor in any capacity obtain their Master Training Specialist Certification
- Personnel Assigned to RTC as a Recruit Division Commander or assigned to Recruiting Duty are carefully screened and selected for this high priority assignment
- Command Collateral with documented impact
- CPOA involvement and holding a position
- Sailor 360 active involvement and Initiation Committee lead