



Naval Aircrewman (Operators) (AWO). AWOs belong to a diverse and highly specialized community serving in multiple aviation platforms. AWOs operate various airborne electronic systems in support of Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), Anti-Surface Warfare (ASUW), Search and Rescue (SAR), Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR), Electronic Support (ES), Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR), humanitarian aid, and logistics missions onboard P-3, EP-3, and P-8 aircraft, and within Tactical Operations Control Squadrons (TOCRON). Members also serve as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) pilots and Mission Payload Operators (MPO) for the MQ-4C and various other unmanned platforms, as well as an Acoustic Analysts while attached to the CV/TSC.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/SHORE FLOW	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
27-30	AWOCM	18.7 Yrs	CMC, CSEL	36	4 th Shore Tour Detailer, NAVAIR, NAWCTSD, FRS, MPRWS, CPRG/P, CPRW- 10/11, CTF
24-27	AWOCM AWOCS	18.7 Yrs 18.6	CMC, CSC, CSEL	36	4th Sea Tour Duty: VP, VQ, VPU, TOCRON, SRT, VUP, FSU, NOPF, ONI Qualification: ACTC LVL 500, ACTC/TMTC LVL 400, TGWO, BWC, CRMF, CRMI Collateral: DLCPO, DET LCPO, SEL
21-24	AWOCM AWOCS AWOC	18.7 Yrs 18.6 14.0	CWO, CSEL, ECM, CMC, CSC, Detailer, Placement Coordinator, Rating Specialist, Instructor Duty, RDC	36	3rd Shore Tour Duty: FRS, MPRWS, WTU, VUP, TYCOM, "A" School, CNATTU, TOCRON, ASTC, VX, NAWCTSD, NAVAIR, ONI, NOPF, SRT, PERS Qualification: ACTC LVL 500, ACTC/TMTC LVL 400, NATOPS Evaluator/Instructor, FIUTI, MTS, TGWO, BWC, IUSS, CRMF, CRMI Collateral: ECM, Detailer, Rating Specialist, CPRG/P, TRNG/OPS/NATOPS LCPO, MPRWS FLEET TRAINING LCPO, CPRW, WTU/TTT LCPO
17-21	AWOCS AWOC AWO1	18.6 Yrs 14.0 9.6	CWO, OCS, MECP, CSEL, CSC, Special Projects, PEP, LCAC, SRT	36	3rd Sea Tour Duty: VP, VQ, VPU, OPNAVSDC, TOCRON, SRT, UAS, ONI, QRC, FSU, SEA OP DET, CV/TSC, PRDO Qualification: ACTC LVL 500, ACTC/TMTC LVL 400, TMTC LVL 300, NATOPS Instructor, TGWO, BWC, CRMF, CRMI, FIUTI, AAS SO Instructor. Collateral: TRNG/OPS/NATOPS LCPO/LPO, Tactics Division LCPO/LPO, DLCPO, DET LCPO.

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14-17	AWOCS AWOC AWO1	18.6 Yrs 14.0 9.6	CWO, CSEL, ECM, CSC, Placement Coordinator, Rating Specialist, Instructor Duty, RDC	36	2nd Shore Tour Duty: FRS, MPRWS, WTU, VUP, NAVAIR, SRT, ASTC, UAS, TYCOM, "A" school, CNATTU, TOCRON, VX, NAWCTSD, ONI, NOPF Qualification: ACTC LVL 500, ACTC LVL/TMTC LVL 400, NATOPS Evaluator/Instructor, FIUTI, MTS, TGWO, BWC, IUSS, CRMF, CRMI Collateral: Instructor, LPO, DLCPO, Division LCPO, SEL
10-14	AWOC AWO1 AWO2	14.0 Yrs 9.6 3.8	CWO, STA-21, OCS, MECP, Special Projects, PEP, SRT, LCAC, NSWG	36	2nd Sea Tour Duty: VP, VPU,VQ, FSU, OPNAV SDC, TOCRON, SRT, ONI, LCAC, SEA OP DET, CV TSC, PRDO, QRC Qualification: ACTC LVL 500, ACTC/TMTC LVL 400, TMTC LVL 300, NATOPS Instructor, FIUTI, TGWO, BWC, CRMF, CRMI, AAS SO Instructor. Collateral: Department/ Division/Branch LPO, CPO, LCPO
7-10	AWOC AWO1 AWO2 AWO3	14.0 Yrs 9.6 Yrs 3.8 1.6	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Instructor Duty, RDC, Recruiter	36	1st Shore Tour Duty: FRS, NACCS, "A" School, VUP, TOCRON, MPRWS, WTU, CNATTU, ASTC, VX, ONI, NOPF Qualification: MTS, NATOPS Evaluator/Instructor, FIUTI, ACTC LVL 500, ACTC/TMTC LVL 400, CRMF, CRMI, TGWO, JOOD, Watch Sup Collateral: Instructor, Department/ Division/Branch LPO/CPO
2-7	AWO1 AWO2 AWO3	9.6 Yrs 3.8 1.6	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy	54	1st Sea Tour Duty: VP, VQ Qualification: ACTC LVL 400, NAWS, ACTC LVL 300, EAWS, NATOPS Instructor, CRMF, CRMI, AAS SO Instructor Collateral: Aircrewman, NATOPS PO, Training PO, Tactics PO, Schedules PO, Logs and Records PO

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1-2+/-	AWOAN AWOAA Accession Training	24 Months			Recruit Training, NACCS, NATTC, FRS, SERE and all initial accession pipeline schools or training events required to be completed prior to reporting to operational command

Notes:

- 1. "A" School is required.
- 2. Member must volunteer for duty involving flying.
- 3. IAW MPM 1220-010, the Naval Aircrewman rating is a special program, which involves high risk, and is physically demanding, requiring above average physical fitness and strong swimmer skills. *Failed PFAs within the last two years deter from this requirement and should be considered a detractor.*
- 4. Upon completion of initial training pipelines, AWOs are typically closed-loop detailed by NEC/platform to fill crew seat ratio (CSR) until there is no longer a need for that NEC. Due to Fleet manning priorities, AWO's are not typically provided the opportunity to pursue shore duty outside of their respective community such as RDC and Navy Recruiting.
- 5. AWOs follow the traditional career path for tactical operations and are not eligible for maintenance qualifications (i.e. SFF/CDI/CDQAR/QAS/Maintenance Supervisor, etc.)
- 6. ECM, Detailer, Rating Specialist, OPNAV SDC, VPU, and FSU billets are filled by personnel who are selectively recruited based on their rating skill set, experience and unquestionable character.
- 7. If the member is assigned to a position requiring NEC 805A and does not attain the 8MTS qualification, it should be considered a detractor.
- 8. AWOs must attend refresher training at the FRS if distributed to a billet not requiring regular flight duties exceeding 18 months from T/M/S.
- Introduction of the MQ-4 Triton airframe requires Sailors to deviate from normal sea/shore rotation and
 may exceed PST/NST. These members are distributed from VUP-19 UIC 50472 to other MPRF shore duty
 billets. This special rotation is a one-time shore-to-shore transfer and should NOT be considered a
 detractor.
- 10. TOCRONs are comprised of sea and shore components. Each TOCRON has six deployable detachments (formally known as MTOCs) that support forward operating MPRA missions. The TOCRON DET LCPO/LPO leads 20+ Sailors across four ratings while forward deployed to numerous AORs worldwide.
- 11. ACTC Level 500. Lack of this qualification *should NOT be considered a detractor* due to limited opportunity to attain the qualification.
- 12. Aircrew Training Continuum qualifications (ACTC/TMTC LVL) SHALL be listed in block 29 (2019 and subsequent). Documentation of flight time should be included in block 29 (2018 and beyond) for Sailors assigned to VP, VUP, VUP, FSU, OPNAV SDC, PRDO or SRT. Sailors who complete greater than the minimum requirement of 48 hours per year should receive *favorable consideration*.





Acronyms specific to the AW rating include:

AAAC Advanced Acoustic Analysis Course
AAAT Advanced All-Sensor Analysis Training

AAS Advanced Airborne Sensor
ACTC Aircrew Training Continuum

ADMAT Administrative and Material Inspection
APTP AW Pre-deployment Training Plan
ASTC Aviation Survival Training Command

BWC Battle Watch Captain

CNATTU Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit

CPRW Commander Patrol Reconnaissance Wing
CRMI Crew Resource Management Instructor
CRMF Crew Resource Management Facilitator

CTF Commander Task Force

COR Contracting Officer Representative
CPRG Commander Patrol Reconnaissance Group

CV TSC Carrier Tactical Support Center
DAU Defense Acquisition University
EAWS Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist
ECM Enlisted Community Manager

ESMSUP Electronic Support Measures Supervisor ESOP Electronic Support Measures Operator EXW Expeditionary Warfare Specialist

FOB Forward Operating Base FRS Fleet Replacement Squadron

FIUTI Fleet Instructor under Training Instructor

FSU Fleet Support Unit IPT Integrated Product Team

IUSS Integrated Undersea Surveillance System

LCAC Landing Craft Air Cushion

LSRS Littoral Surveillance Radar System

MPO Mission Payload Operator MTS Master Training Specialist

MTS Multi-Spectral Targeting System (VQ legacy)
MPRWS Maritime Patrol Reconnaissance Weapon School

NACCS Naval Aircrew Candidate School
NAPP Naval Aviation Production Process

NATOPS Naval Aviation Training Operations Procedures and Standardization

NATTC Naval Aviation Technical Training Center

NAWC Naval Aviation Warfare Center

NAWCTSD Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division

NAWS Naval Aircrew Warfare Specialist

NOPF Naval Oceanographic Processing Facility

NSWG Naval Special Warfare Group ONI Office of Naval Intelligence OPNAVSDC BUPERS Sea Duty Component

PAAP Pre-ARP AWO Phase
PEP Personal Exchange Program

PM Program Manager

PRDO Personal Recovery Operations
P8QS P-8A Qualification Standards
QRC Quick Reaction Capability
SFOP Story Finder Operator

SIUTI FRS Staff Instructor Under Training Instructor

SOAG Sensor Operator Advisory Group





SRT Special Reconnaissance Team

STRATCOM Strategic Command

TACTIP Tactical Training Improvement Program

TGWO Task Group Watch Officer TOC Tactical Operations Center

TOCRON Tactical Operations Control Squadron

TOCRON DET TacMobile Squadron Detachment (Former MTOC)

TMTC TACMOBILE Training Continuum
TTT TACMOBILE Training Team
UAS Unmanned Aerial System

VRC Fleet Logistics Support Squadron

VP Patrol Squadron

VPU Patrol Squadron Special Projects
VUP Unmanned Patrol Squadron
VQ Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron
VX Air Test and Evaluation Squadron
VXS Scientific Development Squadron

WO Watch Officer

WTI Weapons Tactics Instructor WTU Weapons Tactics Unit

Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7

Sea Assignments (VP, VQ, VPU, TOCRON, FSU, OPNAV SDC, SRT, SEA OP DET, ONI, CV TSC) with documented utilization of advanced in-rate qualifications and subject matter expertise.

"Fully Qualified"- Members **SHALL** be qualified as an ACTC/TMTC LVL 400 or higher to include Assistant NATOPS Instructor (ANI), CRM-Facilitator (CRM-F) and/or FRS Instructor (if previously assigned to VP-30 FRS).

"BEST Qualified" – Members who qualify as an ACTC LVL 500 and/or NATOPS Evaluator (NE), NATOPS Instructor (NI), AAS SO Instructor, CRM Instructor (CRM-I), FIUT Instructor (FIUT-I), TGWO *should receive favorable consideration.*

Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI/ACTC LVL 500), TGWO qualifications <u>ARE NOT</u> required for advancement to E-7, but are considered the highest level of qualification achievable as a Naval Aircrewman. If not qualified as a WTI member should be contributing to the development of training, tactics and procedures that serve to enhance combat effectiveness.

Maritime Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Weapons and Tactics Instructor (MISR WTI) – qualification is considered extremely difficult to obtain but is not required for advancement to E-7 and is not an opportunity that is available to the entire rating spectrum (school required, NEC awarded).

At least two warfare pins (NAWS primary; EAWS or ESWS Secondary) for "Fully Qualified"

- o Members assigned to NOPF assignments should qualify IUSS
- Members assigned to SRT, DEVGRU or PRDO assignments should qualify EXW
- Members assigned to CV TSC should qualify ESWS. Unless documented that TAD time does not allow member to qualify.

In addition to qualifications, "Fully Qualified" candidates must have excelled in challenging leadership positions as a Division or Department LPO such as:

- Operations Department
- o Training Department
- o Tactics Department
- o AWO Division LPO





- Safety/NATOPS Department
- o CV/TSC LPO (SeaOpDet)
- o TOCRON Detachment LPO
- o Analysis Division LPO
- o NSW SRT UAS Mission Commander (MC)
- o NSW SRT UAS Site Lead
- o NSW NEC's 837A or 854A or 838A "Fully Qualified"

Documentation of command collaterals with impact, PME, professional certifications, off-duty education, involvement in the FCPOA, and Sailor 360 should receive favorable consideration.

Due consideration should be given to individuals who have significantly contributed to highly successful Fleet NATOPS evaluations (FNE); Operational Readiness Evaluations (ORE); Pre-Advanced Readiness Program (PAAP); Administrative and Material Evaluation (ADMAT) inspection; squadron receipt of the Battle Efficiency Award; Arnold J. Isabel trophy for ASW Excellence and the Theodore Ellyson Award for Aviator Production; Golden Anchor; Retention Excellence Award.

P-3 to P-8 platform transition has resulted in non-standard sea/shore flow. Shortened or prolonged tours are not a detractor unless otherwise specified in the service member's OMPF.

Many Sailors have cross-rated into the AWO community due to platform sundown of the P-3/EP-3. Due consideration should be given to those Sailors who were **FULLY** qualified in their previous rating. Prior VQ FULLY qualified personnel should have BIGLOOK, SEAVUE, MTS, or ESOP Instructor to be considered the highest level of qualification achievable as a Naval Aircrewman Operator.

Shore Assignments

Priority 1: Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS), Weapons Tactics Unit (WTU), Maritime Patrol Reconnaissance Weapons School (MPRWS) and Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP).

Priority 2: TOCRON, NACCS, NATTC, CNATT, PERS, ASTC and BUPERS

Sailors <u>SHALL</u> attain Master Training Specialist (8MTS) if assigned an NEC of 805A. Favorable consideration should be given to those individuals who are serving on instructor duty and have excelled as Track Lead; Lead Instructor; Course Supervisor or Navy Military Training Instructor (NMTI).

Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8

Sea Assignments: VP, VQ, VPU, TOCRON, FSU, OPNAV SDC, SRT, DEVGRU, PRDO, ONI, CV TSC.

Due consideration should be given to <u>eligible</u> CPOs who serve as the Senior Aircrewman, filling a gapped E-8 billet at sea.

Due consideration should be given to **eligible** CPO's who have attended the Senior Enlisted Academy.

"Fully Qualified"- Members **SHALL** be qualified as an ACTC/TMTC LVL 400 and/or Assistant NATOPS Instructor (ANI), CRM-Facilitator (CRM-F) and/or FRS Instructor (if previously assigned to VP-30 FRS). Members assigned to TOCRON **SHALL** be qualified as TGWO.

"BEST Qualified" – Members who qualify as an ACTC LVL 500 and/or NATOPS Evaluator (NE), NATOPS Instructor (NI), AAS SO Instructor, CRM Instructor (CRM-I), FIUT Instructor (FIUT-I), BWC should receive favorable consideration.

Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI/ACTC LVL 500), BWC qualifications <u>ARE NOT</u> required for advancement to E-8, but are considered the highest level of qualification achievable as a Naval





Aircrewman. If not qualified as a WTI member should be contributing to the development of training, tactics and procedures that serve to enhance combat effectiveness.

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At least 12 months in a Departmental Leading Chief Petty Officer billet with documentation of subordinate development, and contributions towards enhancement of mission effectiveness of the command.

At least two warfare pins (NAWS primary; EAWS or ESWS Secondary) for "Fully Qualified"

- Members assigned to NOPF assignments should qualify IUSS
- o Members assigned to SRT, DEVGRU or PRDO assignments should qualify EXW

In addition to qualifications, candidates must have excelled in challenging leadership positions as a Division or Department LCPO such as:

- Operations Department
- o Training Department
- o Tactics Department
- o AWO Division LCPO
- CV/TSC LCPO (SeaOpDet)
- o TOCRON Detachment LCPO
- o Analysis Division LCPO
- o NSW SRT UAS Mission Commander (MC)
- NSW SRT UAS Site Lead
- o NSW NEC's 837A or 854A or 838A "Fully Qualified"

Favorable consideration should be given to individuals who have significantly contributed to the AWO Task Force, and highly successful Fleet NATOPS evaluations (FNE); Operational Readiness Evaluations (ORE); Pre-Advanced Readiness Program (PAAP) Administrative and Material Evaluation (ADMAT) inspection; squadron receipt of the Battle Efficiency Award; Arnold J. Isabel trophy for ASW Excellence and the Theodore Ellyson Award for Aviator Production; Golden Anchor; Retention Excellence Award.

Favorable consideration should be afforded to those who have demonstrated successful leadership as Detachment/Exercise LCPOs or have documented contributions to initial accession training pipeline efficiencies or development of improved tactics/procedures.

Favorable consideration should be given to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the AWO rating through active participation in the following: AERR, PQS/NATOPS development, TACTIP involvement, ATHENA contributions, JTDA entry, Front End Analysis research, and Selection Board Recorder. These efforts contribute significantly to the enhancement of the AWO rate's combat effectiveness.

Documented involvement within the CPO Mess, Sailor 360, CPO Initiation programs and mentorship of junior officers should be considered favorable.

Shore Assignments:

Priority 1: Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS), Weapons Tactics Unit (WTU), Maritime Patrol Reconnaissance Weapons School (MPRWS) and Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP).

Priority 2: TOCRON, NACCS, NATTC, NAWCTSD, CNATT, PERS, ASTC and BUPERS

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Members assigned to TOCRON **SHALL** be qualified as TGWO.





Chiefs assigned to NAVAIR/NAWCTSD, who attain PM LVL1 (12-month qualification) or PM LVL2 (24-month qualification), and/or COR should receive favorable consideration as an attainment of this qualification results in job work/scope at the level of a Master Chief Petty Officer.

Considerations for advancement from E8 to E9

Sea Assignments: VP, VQ, VPU, TOCRON, CV TSC, FSU, OPNAVSDC, SRT, DEVGRU, PRDO, ONI

Graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy

Due consideration should be given to <u>eligible</u> SCPOs who have demonstrated successful leadership as the Senior Aircrewman with documented contributions to the AWO Task Force, highly successful Fleet NATOPS evaluations (FNE); Operational Readiness Evaluations (ORE); Pre-Advanced Readiness Program (PAAP); Administrative and Material Evaluation (ADMAT) inspection; squadron receipt of the Battle Efficiency Award; Arnold J. Isabel trophy for ASW Excellence, Theodore Ellyson Award for Aviator Production; Golden Anchor; Retention Excellence Award.

"Fully Qualified"- Members **SHALL** be qualified as an ACTC/TMTC LVL 400 and/or Assistant NATOPS Instructor (ANI), CRM-Facilitator (CRM-F) and/or FRS Instructor (if previously assigned to VP-30 FRS). Members assigned to TOCRON **SHALL** be qualified as TGWO.

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In addition to qualifications, candidates must have excelled in challenging leadership positions as a Division or Department LCPO such as:

- o Training Department
- Operations Department
- o CV/TSC LCPO (SeaOpDet)
- TOCRON Detachment LCPO
- Analysis Division LCPO
- NSW SRT UAS Mission Commander (MC)
- NSW SRT UAS Site Lead
- o NSW NEC's 837A or 854A or 838A "Fully Qualified"

At least 12 months in a Departmental Leading Chief Petty Officer billet with documentation of subordinate development, and contributions towards enhancement of mission effectiveness of the command.

Favorable consideration should be afforded to those who have demonstrated successful leadership as Detachment/Exercise LCPOs or have documented contributions to initial accession training pipeline efficiencies or development of improved tactics/procedures.

Favorable consideration should be given to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the AWO rating through active participation in the following: AERR, PQS/NATOPS development,







TACTIP involvement, ATHENA contributions, JTDA entry, Front End Analysis research, and Selection Board Recorder. These efforts contribute significantly to the enhancement of the AWO rate's combat effectiveness.

Due consideration should be afforded to those who have demonstrated successful leadership as Command Senior Enlisted Leaders (designated by the CO).

Documented involvement within the CPO Mess, Sailor 360, CPO Initiation programs and mentorship of junior officers should be considered favorable.

Shore Assignments:

Priority 1: Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS), Weapons Tactics Unit (WTU), Maritime Patrol Reconnaissance Weapons School (MPRWS) and Unmanned Patrol Squadron (VUP).

Priority 2: TOCRON, NACCS, NATTC, NAWCTSD, CNATT, PERS, ASTC and BUPERS

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