



**AME CAREER PATH  
FULL TIME SUPPORT (FTS)**



The Aviation Structural Mechanic – (Safety Equipment) (AME) maintains and repairs utility systems throughout the aircraft. They work on systems such as air conditioning, heating, pressurization and oxygen, plus multiple safety devices.

<b>YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	<b>CAREER MILESTONES</b>	<b>AVERAGE TIME TO ADVANCE</b>	<b>COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>SEA/SHORE ROTATION</b>	<b>TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT</b>
26-30	AFCM	23.3 Yrs	CSEL, 8CMC	36/36	Follow-on Shore Tours
23-26	AFCM AMCS	23.3 Yrs 19.1	CSEL, 8CMC/8CSC	36/36 48/48	4 <sup>th</sup> Sea Tour Billet: MMCP0/MSCPO/Staff LCPO/Production LCPO/CSEL Duty: AMMT/Squadron Qualification: Senior Enlisted Academy
20-23	AFCM AMCS AMEC	23.3 Yrs 19.1 14.9	CWO, CSEL, 8CMC/8CSC, ECM, Rating Detailer, Equal Opportunity Advisor, Instructor Duty	36/36 48/48 36/48	3 <sup>rd</sup> Shore Tour Billet: MMCP0/MSCPO/Staff LCPO/Production LCPO/SEA SEL/CSEL Duty: PERS/AMMT/WING/ Squadron/FRS/FRC/NOSC Qualification: Senior Enlisted Academy/NOSC PQS
16-20	AMCS AMEC AME1	19.1 Yrs 14.9 9.8	OCS, CWO, CSEL	48/48 36/48 60/36	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sea Tour Billet: MSCPO/Dept LCPO/ QA/CSEL Duty: AMMT/Squadron Qualification: SFF/SFM/FSQAR
12-16	AMCS AMEC AME1	19.1 Yrs 14.9 9.8	OCS, LDO, CWO, CSEL, RDC, Equal Opportunity Advisor, Instructor Duty	48/48 36/48 60/36	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shore Tour Billet: Instructor/Recruit Division CDR/Staff/Div/Prod/Maint CPO/QA/SEL Duty: PERS/WING/AMMT/ Squadron/FRS/FRC/NOSC Qualification: LCPO/SFF/SFM/NOSC PQS
8-12	AMEC AME1 AME2	14.9 Yrs 9.8 4.4	OCS, LDO	36/48 60/36 60/36	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Maint Tech/WC Sup/ QA/LPO/DIV LCPO Duty: AMMT/Squadron Qualification: SFF/SFM/EAWS
4-8	AME1 AME2 AME3	9.8 Yrs 4.4 2.4	STA-21, LDO, RDC, Instructor Duty	60/36 60/36 60/36	1 <sup>st</sup> Shore Tour Billet: Maint Tech/WC Sup/LPO/Instructor/QA Duty: Squadron/NAS/NOSC Qualification: EAWS/NOSC PQS



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1-4	AME2 AME3	4.4 Yrs 2.4	STA-21	60/36 60/36	1 <sup>st</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Maint Tech/Plane Captain/Collateral Duty Inspector/Maint Turn Qual Duty: Squadron Qualification: EAWS/Plane Captain/CDI
1+/-	AMEAN AMEAA Accession Training	9 Months		60/36	Recruit Training (8 weeks) / 'A' School (9 weeks) / 'C' School for aircraft platform or FRC billet.

Notes:

1. "A" School is required
2. This is a compression rating - AME/AM ratings compress to AM rating at Senior Chief. AM/AD ratings compress to AF rating at Master Chief.

**Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7**

1. Sea Assignments

- Documentation of utilizing in-rate qualifications:
  - Collateral Duty Inspector (CDI)
  - Quality Assurance Representative (QAR)
- At least one warfare pin (AW primary)
- Should have previously served or is currently serving as LPO of:
  - Production Division
  - Work Center
  - Quality Assurance
  - Maintenance Control
- Safe-For-Flight (SFF)/Safe for Mission (SFM) Qualification **O-Level (Squadron)**
  - \*\*\*SFF/SFM qualification is not required for advancement to E-7 but is considered to be the pinnacle of aviation maintenance qualifications. E-6's holding the SFF/SFM qualification should be given appropriate consideration for advancement due to the nature of the qualification.
- Upper-level qualifications
  - Full Systems Quality Assurance Representative (FSQAR) / High-Power / Low-Power Turn Qualification. Not required but a good indicator of character and ability to operate responsibly.
- Command Collateral duties with documented impact.
- FCPOA with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.
- SAILOR 360 with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.

2. Shore Assignments

- Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). There is no special screening for FRS Squadrons. However, FRS should be considered arduous duty due to the nature of operations.
  - Squadron Augment Units (SAU) and Tactical Support Units (TSU) augment and support Fleet Replacement Squadrons and type wing operational requirements.



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- Personnel assigned to Navy Operational Support Centers (NOSC) **SHALL** complete the NOSC Watchstander PQS (NAVEDTRA 43075).
- Strong consideration for certain successful tours which demonstrate leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
  - RDC/Instructor/TYCOM/WING
  - Attainment of 805A Instructor NEC and Master Training Specialist (MTS) qualification if eligible.
- I-Level shore facility favorable positions include:
  - Production Control LPO
  - Quality Assurance LPO
  - Upper-level qualifications
    - Production Division Quality Assurance Representative (QAR) / High-Power / Low-Power Turn Qualification (400 Division Personnel). Not required but a good indicator of character and ability to operate responsibly.
  - Lean Six Sigma Green Belt or Black Belt
- O-Level (Squadron) favorable positions include:
  - Safe-For-Flight/Safe-For-Mission Qualification
  - \*\*\*SFF/SFM qualification is not required for advancement to E-7 but is considered the pinnacle of maintenance qualifications. E-6's holding the SFF/SFM qualification should be given appropriate consideration for advancement due to the nature of the qualification.
  - Upper-level qualifications
    - Full Systems Quality Assurance Representative (FSQAR)/High-Power/Low-Power Turn Qualification. Not required but a good indicator of character and ability to operate responsibly.
- Command Collateral duties with documented impact.
- FCPOA with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.
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### **Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8**

#### 1. Sea Assignments

- At least one warfare pin (AW primary)
- Safe for Flight (SFF) /Safe for Mission (SFM) Qualification if stationed at the **O-Level (Squadron)**
  - SFF/SFM Qualified on at least one aircraft platform
- At least 12 months in a command role/billet:
  - Maintenance LCPO
  - QA LCPO
  - Detachment LCPO
- Strong consideration for personnel designated as a Detachment LCPO:
  - Rescue DETs and/or new delivery aircraft do NOT qualify as Detachment LCPO
- Strong consideration for arduous duty as Aviation Maintenance Monitoring Team (AMMT) which demonstrates leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
- Command Collateral duties with documented impact.
- CPOA with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.
- CPO Initiation with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.
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#### 2. Shore Assignments

- At least one warfare pin (AW primary)
- Staff Duty



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- TYCOM Advisor/WING Inspector
- Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). There is no special screening for FRS Squadrons. However, FRS should be considered arduous duty due to the nature of operations.
  - Squadron Augment Units (SAU) and Tactical Support Units (TSU) augment and support Fleet Replacement Squadrons and type wing operational requirements.
- Personnel assigned to Navy Operational Support Centers (NOSC) **SHALL** complete the NOSC Watchstander PQS.
- Strong consideration for certain successful tours which demonstrate leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
  - NOSC SEL/RDC/Instructor/TYCOM/WING
  - Attainment of 805A Instructor NEC and Master Training Specialist (MTS) qualification if eligible
- I-Level shore facility:
  - Production Division LCPO
  - Quality Assurance LCPO
  - Production Control LCPO
- Command Collateral duties with documented impact.
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### **Considerations for advancement from E8 to E9**

#### 1. Sea Assignments

- The 724B **OR** 770B NEC is required for advancement to E9.
- Senior Enlisted Academy or other service equivalent (required)
- Successfully lead a Maintenance Department
- At least 12 months in a command role/billet
  - Maintenance SCPO- **SHALL** be Safe For Flight
    - Completion of an inspection cycle (AMI/MCI/MPA, etc.)
  - QA SCPO
    - Completion of an inspection cycle (AMI/MCI/MPA, etc.)
- Strong consideration for arduous duty as Aviation Maintenance Monitoring Team (AMMT) which demonstrates leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
- At least one warfare pin (AW Primary)
- Senior Enlisted Leader during absence of incumbent
  - Not required for advancement however a positive indicator of responsibility, character, competence and integrity.
- Command Collateral duties with documented impact.
- CPOA with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.
- CPO Initiation with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.
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#### 2. Shore Assignments

- The 724B **OR** 770B NEC is required for advancement to E9.
- Senior Enlisted Academy or other service equivalent (Required)
- At least 12 months in a command role / billet
  - Maintenance SCPO (O-Level)- **SHALL** be Safe For Flight/Safe For Mission
    - Completion of an inspection cycle (AMI/MCI/MPA, etc.)



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- Production SCPO (I-Level)
  - Completion of an inspection cycle (AMI/MCI/MPA, etc.)
- QA SCPO
  - Completion of an inspection cycle (AMI/MCI/MPA, etc.)
- Staff Duty
  - TYCOM Advisor/WING Inspector
- Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS). There is no special screening for FRS Squadrons. However, FRS should be considered arduous duty due to the nature of operations.
  - Squadron Augment Units (SAU) and Tactical Support Units (TSU) augment and support Fleet Replacement Squadrons and type wing operational requirements.
- Personnel assigned to Navy Operational Support Centers (NOSC) **SHALL** complete the NOSC Watchstander PQS.
- I-Level shore facility:
  - Production Division LCPO
  - Quality Assurance LCPO
  - Production Control LCPO
- Strong consideration for certain successful tours which demonstrate leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
  - NOSC SEL/TYCOM/WING
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