Master at Arms (MA). MAs will individually, or as part of a force, be able to conduct Force Protection operations in order to defeat threats at sea, on shore, and in expeditionary environments. Force Protection is a program that comprises of three pillars: Antiterrorism, Physical Security and Law Enforcement. Specifically, the MA will conduct scalable force protection and security providing layered defense for designated assets and critical infrastructure throughout the world. Additionally, MAs will operate in an integrated at sea/coastal/landward security environment, providing mobile and fixed defensive operations in support of Commanders performing base defense, expeditionary/combat operations, strategic asset security, law enforcement, corrections, and special events and operations with other services, host nation partners, and civil authorities.

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### MA CAREER PATH
**(SW/AW/EXW)**

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**Notes:**

1. “A” school is required.

2. All Master-At-Arms (MA) must focus on primary duties and qualify to rank and respective TYCOM requirements as quickly as possible. Equally important is maintaining security clearance eligibility, weapons proficiency and worldwide assignability to meet rating needs.

3. NAVADMIN 094/22 announced the implementation of the NSF qualification Program. The NSF qualification is not yet mandatory for career progression.

4. MAs support many different mission areas within the rate, assigned to multiple TYCOMS. It is not uncommon for MA’s to conduct multiple assignments within the same TYCOM, due to the nature of skills and training received, this should not distract negatively during Enlisted Promotion Boards. MA’s do not have a typical Sea-Shore Flow model, rather the rating operates as a CONUS/OCONUS (or INUS/OUTUS) rotation with OCONUS or OUTUS tours counting as sea tours for rotational purposes. Shore billets account for approximately 70% of MA funded billets. With this in mind, all attempts should be made by the individual to take a sea or deploying billet whenever possible. There is also a requirement for two isolated duty (without family members) tours during career. Maintaining a diverse history of assignments throughout the Navy Security Force specialties enhances chances for advancement.

a. MA Billet Selection. Top enlisted MA personnel will be relied upon as advisors to Commanding Officers and Flag Officers. As such, it is imperative our top enlisted personnel have experience in the majority of our Security Force Specialties:

   (1) SWFPAC, SWFLANT, TACAMO (VQ Det) assignments. These assignments should be considered career enhancing due to the unique qualifications required and are considered arduous duty. These tours are counted as a Sea Tour for rotational purposes.

   (2) Dependent Restricted Tours (DRT) in Souda Bay Crete, Diego Garcia, Bahrain, El Salvador, Bahamas, Deveselu Romania, and Redzikow, Poland. MAs should expect two dependent restricted tours in their career. These assignments should be career enhancing and are considered arduous duty. These tours are counted as a Sea Tour for rotational purposes.

   (3) Independent Duty Ship tours. (Ensure active involvement with the FCPOA/CPO Mess as

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appropriate to paygrade and holding a major collateral duty in order to be competitive amongst peers and at the selection boards).

(4) Type 4 forward deployed forces (overseas sea duty).

b. Duty Types. Types of duty offer the potential to attain NEC’s and warfare designations. MA’s should take advantage of these opportunities to stay competitive for advancement:

(1) Installation Security. MAs provide Force Protection support for the Installation Commanding Officer with the mission of protecting the installation, assets, and its personnel. MAs assigned to installations currently do not have the opportunity to obtain a warfare qualification. NECs 717B, 718B, P01A, P02A, P05A, P06A and 804A are associated with installation security tours.

(2) Harbor Patrol Unit (HPU). MAs assigned to the HPU operate small craft providing point and area security for waterside assets and ports. Additionally, HPUs may conduct High Value Unit (HVU) escorts. MAs assigned to HPUs currently do not have the opportunity to obtain a warfare qualification. Although not inclusive in all units, MAs assigned to an HPU may be eligible to qualify for the Small Craft Insignia. NEC 853A, P03A, P04A are associated with HPU tours.

(3) Expeditionary Forces. MAs assigned to the Expeditionary Forces will be assigned to Maritime Expeditionary Security Forces (MESF). A tour in MESF is a Sea Tour and MAs assigned to the MESF may be performing duties in tactical patrol craft small boat operations, Aircraft Security Team (AST), Embarked Security Team (EST), HVU escorts, Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS), Expeditionary Designated Marksman (EDM), Expeditionary Small Arms Marksmanship Instructor (ESAMI), and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) operations. All MAs assigned to Expeditionary Units are required to qualify as Expeditionary Warfare Specialist (EXW) within 12 months of assignment. NECs 717B, 718B, 804A, 804G, 804A and 0190 are associated with Expeditionary tours.

(4) Strategic Systems Programs (SSP). MAs assigned to this type of duty conduct security operations for strategic assets at either Strategic Weapons Facility (SWF) Atlantic or Pacific. MAs assigned to a SWF are regulated by the Personnel Reliability Program (PRP) and attached to a Marine Corps Security Force Battalion. MAs assigned to a SWF conduct security operations, HPU, or Military Working Dog (MWD) duties. Effective Sept 19, 2023, MAs assigned to a SWF have the opportunity to obtain the Enlisted Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist (EFMFWS) qualification. MAs assigned to SWF are authorized to wear the Enlisted Nuclear Weapons Security (NWS) Breast Insignia after qualification in the highest watch station commensurate with their paygrade and maintaining PRP certification for 12 months. A star is earned for each consecutive 12 months of maintaining qualifications thereafter. NECs 717B, 718B, P05A, P06A, 804A, 853A, P10A are associated with SSP tours.

(5) TACAMO (VQ3/VQ4/SCW-1). MAs assigned to this type of duty conduct security operations for strategic aircraft. MAs assigned to TACAMO are regulated by the PRP. VQ3 with UIC 55154 and VQ4 with UIC 42065 are considered sea duty for MAs. Other VQ detachments are considered shore duty. SCW-1 with UIC 55575 is considered shore duty, but remains regulated by PRP. MAs assigned to VQ may have the opportunity to qualify Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS).

(6) Afloat Security. MAs in this duty type conduct in port and underway Force Protection operations onboard LHA, LHD and CVNs. MAs may be used for Antiterrorism operations, Physical Security, Law Enforcement, investigations, brig operations and training for the Ship’s Self Defense Force. All MAs assigned to this duty type have the opportunity to qualify as Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS). All Sailors must qualify ESWS within a predetermined
timeframe established by the member’s command. MAs assigned to this type of duty may have
the opportunity to qualify as EAWS depending on platform. NECs P01A, P02A, P08A, P12A,
and 804A are associated with afloat security tours.

(7) Chief Master-at-Arms (CMAA). MACS’ are normally assigned to LPDs, MACs are normally
assigned to CGs, and MA1s are normally assigned to DDG’s. These MAs manage the Force
Protection program, train and qualify the Ship’s Self-Defense Force, conduct investigations,
perform legal officer functions, and assist the Commanding Officer in maintaining good order and
discipline. All MAs assigned to this duty type shall qualify ESWS within a predetermined
timeframe established by the member’s command. NECs P01A, P02A, and 804A are associated
with Afloat Independent Duty CMAA tours.

(8) Military Working Dog (MWD). MWDs are assigned to Installation Security, Strategic Weapons
Facilities (SWF). NEC P05A, MWD Handler, and/or NEC P06A, Kennel Master/Trainer, is
required for MWD tours. NEC P05A, and a minimum of four (4) years of MWD handler
experience, is a prerequisite for NEC P06A. NEC P05A and NEC P06A may also be assigned to
Naval Special Warfare units, NEC P06A is generally reserved for qualified MA1s and above.
Qualified MA2s may obtain NEC P06A; however, will not fill a KM billet until they are
advanced to MA1. The MWD Program Manager approves P05A/P06A recommendations.
Normally, MA1s will be assigned as Kennel Masters to installations with less than eight (8)
MWDs or as MWD Trainer at larger kennels or Regional MWD staff. MACs and above are
assigned as Kennel Masters, MWD Trainers, NCIS STAAT Assessors, CNIC CART Assessors,
and Regional or Fleet Kennel Masters. An MAC will normally fill the MWD Program Manager
assignment. MWD Teams routinely deploy in support of overseas contingency operations,
Presidential/Head of State missions and other VIP/ special event missions. Duty type for MWD
Handlers is commensurate with the unit to which they are assigned. Duty rotation operates as a
CONUS-OCONUS (or INUS/OUTUS) rotation, with a majority of the billets being CONUS.
Duty rotation for NEC P06A may include back-to-back CONUS tours. Since this is a closed loop
program, MWD Handlers have limited opportunity for a warfare qualification. MAs may be
assigned as MWD Handler, MWD Trainer, Kennel Master or perform MWD Instructor duties.

(9) Protective Service Detail (PSD). MAs within a PSD are assigned to the Naval Criminal
Investigative Service (NCIS). MAs conducting PSD missions provide protection for designated
High Risk Personnel (HRP). These duties include site surveys, planning, and pedestrian/vehicle
security. MAs assigned to PSD missions do not have the opportunity for a warfare qualification.
NEC P09A is required for PSD tours.

c. Other Tours. In addition to the main duty types, MAs conduct duties that support the NSF, the Fleet and other
commands. These tours are diverse in nature and are considered SHORE DUTY.

(1) Instructor Duty. MAs are assigned to CENSECFOR and other training centers as instructors. This
duty is considered vital to the sustained health of the Naval Security Force (NSF). All MAs
assigned to Instructor Duty are required to qualify as a Master Training Specialist.

(2) Staff Duty. MAs are assigned to various TYCOM, FLEET, COCOM, and other staffs. These MAs
primarily conduct antiterrorism (AT) planning and assessments of subordinate units.

(3) Training and Assessment Teams.

(a) Security Training and Assessment Teams (STAAT) is a subordinate unit within the Office
of Military Support (OMS) for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). MAs
assigned to STAAT conduct port, physical security, installation, hotel, courtroom, liberty
venue, humanitarian assistance site, and airfield vulnerability assessments. They also
provide Military Sea Lift Command (MSC) Individual Ship Assessments, Commander Naval Installations Command Mobile Training Teams (CNIC-MTT), Military Working Dog Program assessments, TACAMO assessments, Inter-Operability Program Training and provides Mobile Training Teams for NSF related training. Personnel assigned to STAAT do not have the opportunity for a warfare qualification. MAs assigned to STAAT may be eligible for Master Training Specialist (MTS) and are required to hold the 804A and 853A NEC.

(b) Afloat Training Group (ATG) is a subordinate unit of SURFLANT and SURFPAC. MAs assigned to ATG conduct inspections and certifications of surface vessels. Command Assessment for Readiness and Training (CART)/Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) Teams.

(c) Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) Security Assessment and Training (N3E). MAs assigned to CNIC N3E conduct Command Assessment of Readiness and Training/Final Evaluation Problem (CART/FEP) installation security assessments ensuring the installations Security Force adherence to all Naval Security Force (NSF) operational requirements. Personnel assigned to CNIC N3E do not have the opportunity for a warfare qualification.

(4) Independent Duty Master at Arms (IDMAA). MACS’ and MACs may be assigned as IDMAA to Transient Personnel Units, Nuclear School house billets, NAVIDFOR facilities or imbedded in certain deployable units such as Naval Special Warfare or Seabee Battalions. In these billets, the IDMAA will have a variety of roles similar to the CMAA on CGs and DDGs. NECs P02A, 804A, and 90CS are associated with IDMAA tours.

5. Certifications available to MAs:

- Master Training Specialist
- Air Force Phoenix Raven Course
- VBSS
- ATO Level II
- SPeD (Security Professional Education Development program is the Department of Defense initiative to professionalize the security workforce)
- POST (Peace Officer Standardized Training)

6. Rating NECs:

717B: Small Arms Instructor
718B: Crew Served Weapons Instructor
P01A: Chief Master-at-Arms
P02A: Command Investigator
P03A: Harbor Security Patrol Supervisor
P04A4: Harbor Security Boat Training Supervisor
P05A: Military Working Dog Handler
P06A: Military Working Dog Kennel Master
P08A: Corrections Specialist (Brig Afloat)
P09A: Protective Service Specialist
P10A: Nuclear Weapons Security Specialist (NWSS)
P11A: Physical Security Specialist
P12A: Military Criminal Investigator
P13A: Law Enforcement Specialist
804A: Anti-terrorism Training Supervisor
804G: Expeditionary Force Combat Skills
805A: Instructor
853A: Force Protection Boat Coxswain

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8MTS: Master Training Specialist

7. Acronyms:

ACFL (Assistant Command Fitness Leader)
AT (Antiterrorism)
ATG (Afloat Training Group)
ATS (Afloat Training Specialist)
BJOY (Blue Jacket of the Year)
CRT (Command –Resilience Team)
CENSECFOR (Center for Security Forces)
CART (Command Assessment of Readiness and Training)
CFL (Command Fitness Leader)
CMAA (Chief Master at Arms)
CMEO (Command Managed Equal Opportunity)
CNIC (Commander, Naval Installations Command)
CONUS (Continental United States)
CSEL (Command Senior Enlisted Leader)
CTT (Command Training Team)
DAPA (Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor)
EAWS (Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist)
ECM (Enlisted Community Manager)
EDM (Expeditionary Designated Marksman)
ESAMI (Expeditionary Small Arms Marksmanship Instructor)
EST (Embarked Security)
ESWS (Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist)
EXW (Expeditionary Warfare)
DCTT (Damage Control Training Team)
FCPOA (First Class Petty Officer Association)
FEP (Final Exercise Problem)
HPU (Harbor Patrol Unit)
HPU SUP (Harbor Patrol Unit Supervisor)
HPU TRASUP (Harbor Patrol Unit Training Supervisor)
HRP (High Risk Personnel)
HVU (High Value Unit)
IDMAA (Independent Duty Master at Arms)
INUS (In United States)
ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance)
JSOY (Junior Sailor of the Year)
LCPO (Leading Chief Petty Officer)
MA (Master at Arms)
MESF (Maritime Expeditionary Security Force)
MESG (Maritime Expeditionary Security Group)
MTS (Master Training Specialist)
MWD (Military Working Dog)
NCIS (Naval Criminal Investigative Service)
NEC (Navy Enlisted Classification)
NECC (Navy Expeditionary Combat Command)
NSF (Navy Security Force)
NTPI (Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection)
NWS (Nuclear Weapons Security)
OCONUS (Outside Continental United States)
OUTUS (Outside United States)
PME (Primary Military Education)
PRP (Personnel Reliability Program)
PSD (Protective Services Detail)
MA CAREER PATH
(SW/AW/EXW)

SEA (Senior Enlisted Advisor)
SEJPME (Senior Enlisted Joint Primary Military Education)
SCI (Small Craft Insignia)
SOY (Sailor of the Year)
SPECWAR (Special Warfare)
SPeD (Security Professional Education Development)
STAAT (Security Training and Assessment Teams)
SWF (Strategic Weapon Facility)
SWFLANT (Strategic Weapon Facility – Atlantic)
SWFPAC (Strategic Weapon Facility – Pacific)
TACAMO (Take Charge and Move Out)
TACSUP (Tactical Supervisor)
TYCOM (Type Commander)
USMAP (United Services Military Apprenticeship Program)
VBSS (Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure)
WC (Watch Commander)

Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7

- Must be qualified to pay grade requirements (Duty Type specific):

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Note: * Indicates E7 and above level qualification/assignment

- Must have successfully completed at least a 12 month tour in one of the positions above, and preferably served as a leader in more than one duty type (MWD exempt), and have a history of sustained superior performance defined as a majority of their Individual Trait Average ABOVE RSCA.
- Must excel in primary duties (documented success in RTAV, CART, RASS, FEP, ULTRA-C, NTPI, other assessments/missions). Sailors excelling under their lead (Advancements, SOY/JSOY/BJOYs, Sailor professional and personal development, impacting retention rate).
- Must have earned a warfare pin, if assigned to a warfare platform, i.e. NECC= EXW, USS= SW, SWF= FMF, Squadron= AW, MTS/ATS if at Training Command, etc.
- Should have continued professional development, i.e. attending military schools, college courses, completing correspondence courses, (PME/EJPME I). If degree is completed, continuing to work towards next degree.
- Should be at least an active member of FCPOA and preferably holding a cabinet position, with documented success and/or accomplishments.
- Should be involved in the Sailor 360 program, and preferably leading a committee (i.e. training, physical training, etc).
- Command level involvement, i.e. training team (ATTT, DCTT, ITT, CSTT, Medical Training Team (MTT), etc.), collateral duty (ACFL, CRT, CTT, etc.) with documented results.

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Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8

- Must be Qualified to pay grade requirements (Duty Type specific):

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- Must have successfully completed at least a 12 month tour in one of the positions above, and preferably served as a leader in more than one duty type (MWD exempt), AND have a history of sustained superior performance defined as a majority of their Individual Trait Averages ABOVE RSCA.
- Qualified to pay grade requirements / TYCOM specific, CDO/SDO.
- Must excel in primary duties (documented success in RTAV, CART, RASS, FEP, ULTRA-C, NTPI, other assessments/missions). Sailors excelling under their lead (Advancements, SOY/JSOY/BJOYs, Sailor professional and personal development, impacting retention rate).
- Must have earned a warfare pin, if assigned to a warfare platform, i.e. NECC= EXW, USS= SW, SWF= FMF, Squadron= AW, MTS/ATS if at Training Command, etc.
- Should have continued professional development, i.e. attending military schools, college courses, completing correspondence courses, (PME/EJPME I). If degree is completed, continuing to work towards next degree.
- Active CPOA involvement, and preferably holding a cabinet position with documented success and/or accomplishments.
- Should be involved in the Sailor 360 program, and preferably leading a committee (i.e. training, physical training, etc).
- CPO Initiation involvement, Committee Chair/Co-Chair.
- Command level involvement, i.e. training team (ATTT, DCTT, ITT, CSTT, Medical Training Team (MTT), etc.), collateral duty (CFL, DAPA, CMEO) with documented results.
Considerations for advancement from E8 to E9

- Must have successfully completed at least a 12 month tour as DLCPO, and preferably served as a leader in more than one duty type (MWD exempt), AND have a history of sustained superior performance defined as a majority of their Individual Trait Averages ABOVE RSCA.
- Qualified to pay grade requirements / TYCOM specific, CDO/SDO.
- Excelling in primary duties. Achieve mastery level. Leading, mentoring, and training Chiefs, documented success. Sailors excelling under their lead (SOY/JSOY/BJOYs, advancements, qualifications, education, self-improvement etc.), documented success in CART/FEP/ULTRAs.
- Success in a high profile position for pay grade, i.e. Assistant Security Officer, Serving as CMDCM/CMDCS in incumbent’s absence, LCPO, SEA, SEL AT planner, Trainer, Command Level Facilitator etc.
- Earned a warfare pin, if assigned to a warfare platform, i.e. NECC= EXW, USS= SW, SWF= FMF, Squadron= AW, MTS/ATS if at Training Command, etc.
- Continued professional development, i.e. attending military schools Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA), college courses, completing correspondence courses, (Any Service). If degree is completed, continuing to work towards next degree, PPME/SEJPME, etc.
- Sailor 360 involvement and leading a committee.
- Active CPOA/CPO Mess involvement preferably holding a high level cabinet position (i.e. president, vice president) with documented success and/or accomplishments.
- CPO Initiation involvement, Executive Chair, Committee Chair/Co-Chair.
- Command level involvement, i.e. training team (ATTT, DCTT, ITT, CSTT, Medical Training Team (MTT), etc.), collateral duty (CFL, DAPA, CMEO) with documented results.

Major Changes:

- Typical career path development additions: NSF Master Specialist, NSF Senior Specialist, NSF Specialist, FMF.
- MAs assigned to a SWF have the opportunity to obtain the Enlisted Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist (EFMFWS) qualification.
- Announcement of the NSF qualification program, and that it is not yet mandatory for career progression.
- MA support of different mission areas can lead to multiple tours on shore or same TYCOM, this should not distract negatively during promotion boards.
- Master Training Specialist qualification (8MTS) requirement for all MAs assigned to Instructor Duty.
- Addition of duty type specific qualifications for E6 to E7 and E7 to E8.