



**AG CAREER PATH  
SELECTED RESERVE (SELRES)**



Aerographer's Mates (AG) collect, measure, and analyze the elements of the physical environment (land, sea, air, space) and land/sea interface; synthesize a vast array of meteorological and oceanographic (METOC) data and in situ observations and measurements to produce forecasts and warnings in support of safety of flight and navigation, as well as Naval/Joint Operations and missions.				
<b>YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	<b>CAREER MILESTONES</b>	<b>AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE</b>	<b>COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT</b>
24-30	AGCM	21 Yrs	CSEL	Billets: NIFR HQ Staff, NIFR REDCEN SEL / Staff, MAJCOM SEL Duty: NIFR HQ / REDCEN, Major Command or COCOM Qualification: 8SEA, J01A, Warfare
20-24	AGCM AGCS	21 Yrs 16.9	CSEL	Billet: NIFR HQ Staff, NIFR REDCEN SEL / Staff, MAJCOM / Large Unit SEL Duty: NIFR HQ / REDCEN, Major Command or COCOM, NIOC, IWC Units Qualifications: 8SEA, J01A, Warfare
16-20	AGCM AGCS AGC	21 Yrs 16.9 14.2	CSEL	Billet: Unit SEL, DEPT LCPO Billet: NIFR HQ Staff, REDCEN SEL / Staff, Large / Medium Unit SEL, DLCP / LPO Duty: NIFR HQ / REDCEN, Major Command or COCOM, NIOC, IWC, NMORA Units Qualification: 8SEA, J01A, Warfare, Completed: Master Forecaster
12-16	AGCS AGC AG1	16.9 Yrs 14.2 8.8	CSEL, DCO, LPO	Billet: Unit LCPO / Dept LCPO / FCSTR / INSTR / MOB Duty: NIFR REDCEN Staff, CNMOC HQ, NMORA Qualification: 8SEA, MTS, Warfare Completed: Master Forecaster
8-12	AG1	8.8	DCO	Billet: FCSTR, INSTR, LPO Duty: FWC, SGOT, NOMWC, NOSWC, NAVO, NOOC, IWTG, NMORA Billet: INSTR / FCSTR / LPO / MOB Qualification: Forecaster, MTS, Warfare Qual
4-7	AG1 AG2	5.2 Yrs 3.5	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC, Recruiter, RDC	Billet: Forecaster / Analyst Duty: FWC, SGOT, NOMWC, NAVO, NOSW, NOOC, IWTG, NMORA Qualification: Forecaster, Warfare Qual
1.4	AG2 AG3	3.5 Yrs 30 Months	Naval Academy, NROTC	Billet: Analyst / Forecaster Duty: SGOT, FWC, NOMWC, NOSW, NAVO, NOOC, NMORA Qualification: Apprentice, Analyst
1+/-	AGAN AGAA Accession Training	18 Months 9 Months		Recruit Training and all schools or training events required to be completed prior to reporting to their first operational command. NAPD (see notes 1-3, 7)

**Notes:**

1. AG-A1 School (CIN: C-420-2010 and C-420-2024) is required to become an AG.
2. The AG rating requires a security clearance - Secret and TS SCI Eligible.
3. The METOC Community is aligned under different warfare areas. These areas include Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW), Mine Warfare (MIW), Naval Special Warfare (NSW), Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR),



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Strike Group Oceanography Team (SGOT), Aviation (AVN), and Maritime (MAR). Some warfare areas are sea duty intensive (SGOT and NSW), while others are primarily shore-based (AVN, MAR, and ISR). ASW and MIW offer sea duty in the form of deployable “fly-away” teams as well as shore duty within their respective Reach-Back Cell (RBC), providing 24/7 support to anywhere in the world. There are also SELRES billets at LCS units, USFF, C4F and PACOM. AGs will typically work in several warfare areas during their career.

4. Successful completion of AG-C1 School (CIN: C-420-2011), which awards the J00A NEC, is required to take the E7 exam and is a requirement for ANY E6 and below enlisted Reserve mobilization. There are two alternate training tracks open to SELRES: Reserve Aerographer’s Mate School (RAMS) and the C-School test out option for NAVET prior service forecasters.

5. Possible NECs held:

- J00A Meteorological and Oceanographic Forecaster (until promotion to Chief)
- J01A Advanced Forecasting Techniques (E7 - E9)
- 805A Instructor
- 804G Expeditionary Force – Combat Skills
- 789A Unmanned Undersea Vehicle (UUV) Operator
- 700C Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Mine Countermeasures (MCM) Planner and Evaluator

6. Sailors should attend NIFR professional development courses as prescribed by their time in service and rank as appropriate:

New Affiliation Professional Development (NAPD): Instructs junior and/or newly affiliated Information Warfare (IW) SELRES on relevant topics to be successful as an IW Reservist. Any IW rate/rating eligible, typically new affiliations within their first year as SELRES.

Junior Enlisted Professional Development (JEPD): Instructs Petty Officers on relevant topics to be successful as reserve enlisted leaders at the work center supervisor and Leading Petty Officer level. Any IW rating eligible. E5 - E6 SELRES with three years or more as a reservist.

Prospective Senior Enlisted Leader (PSEL): Instructs Chief Petty Officers on the relevant topics to be successful as reserve Senior Enlisted Leaders at the department and Unit SEL level. Any E7 - E8 IW rating eligible, ideally for CPOs with two to four years TIR.

Information Warfare Senior Enlisted (IWSE): EPD capstone course ideal for E8 - E9 SELRES considering a Major Command SEL or REDCEN SEL billet. Prerequisite: PSEL.

7. Enlisted Information Warfare Specialist (EIWS) and other warfare qualifications are not required but should be considered noteworthy achievement.

### **Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7**

Highly competitive/most fully qualified candidates for selection as a Chief Petty Officer have met many or all of the following milestones:

- Holds the Forecaster J00A NEC (see note 4)
- Completion a rate-specific mobilization or other long-term orders in support of fleet, joint, or special operations with documented impact
- Demonstrated leadership and subordinate development utilizing technical expertise via earned platform PQS/watch qualifications or other Navy Credentialing programs
- Demonstrated rating subject matter expertise (SME) in an operational assignment with command or community wide impact



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- Completion of the Advanced Forecasting Techniques (AFT) Course (NEC J01A); not required but should be looked at favorably
- Master Training Specialist (MTS) qualification if having filled or currently in an 805A NEC Billet
- Warfare qualification (See Note 7)
- Leadership as an LPO, ALPO, or Mission Supervisor with documented impact
- Demonstrated institutional expertise through completion of JEPD, Primary Professional Military Education (PPME) or advanced civilian education or rate-related certifications
- Leader in Sailor 360 program and in the First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) with strong involvement and documented impact
- ALDC graduate

### **Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8**

Highly competitive/most fully qualified candidates for selection as a Senior Chief Petty Officer have met many or all of the following milestones:

- Completion of a rate-specific mobilization or other long-term orders in support of fleet, joint, or special operations with documented impact
- Demonstrated rating SME in community engagements through participation in A or C School TRRs, Reserve Intelligence Leadership Summit (RILS), OCCSTDs, AERRs or other clemency-wide impact
- Demonstrated leadership and subordinate development, with impact, utilizing technical expertise via earned platform PQS/watch qualifications or Navy credentialing programs
- Leadership with documented impact as a Unit SEL (Small/Medium/Large), Department LCPO, NIFR HQ or REDCEN leadership position, and/or other duties outside the normal scope with documented impact across commands, especially where there are large summary groups and opportunity to lead peers and develop juniors
- Enrollment or completion of NIFR SEL JQR is not required but should be considered favorably
- Demonstrated institutional expertise through completion of Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA), other Service Senior Enlisted Course/Academy, PSEL, PPME, EJPME I/II, NIFR Leadership conferences, and/or advanced civilian education or rate-related certifications
- Completion of the Advanced Forecasting Techniques (AFT) Course (NEC J01A); not required but should be looked at favorably
- Serve, with documented impact, as an Enlisted Professional Development Facilitator for NAPD or JEPD courses
- NIFR EPD instructor/facilitator Warfare qualification (See Note 5)
- Warfare qualification (See Note 7)
- Strong CPO Mess involvement with documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those leading in CPO Initiation, Sailor 360, and/or serving in CPOA leadership positions
- CPO-LDC graduate.

### **Considerations for advancement from E8 to E9**

Highly competitive/most fully qualified candidates for selection as a Master Chief Petty Officer have met many or all of the following milestones:

- Completion a rate-specific mobilization or other long-term orders in support of fleet, joint, or special operations with documented impact
- Completion of the Advanced Forecasting Techniques (AFT) Course (NEC J01A); not required but should be looked at favorably
- Leadership, with documented impact, as a Unit SEL (Medium/Large/MAJCOM), NIFR HQ/REDCEN leadership position, and/or other duties outside the normal scope with documented impact across commands



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- Demonstrated institutional expertise through completion of Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA), other Service Senior Enlisted Course/Academy, IWSE, PPME, EJPME I/II, NIFR Leadership conferences, and/or advanced civilian education or rate-related certifications
- Demonstrated rating SME in community engagements through participation in RILS, OCCSTDs, AERR, etc. and/or selection as NIFR Rating Advisor
- Serve with impact on any NIFR REDCEN Staff or SEL and/or NIFR HQ Staff
- Warfare qualification (See Note 7)
- Strong support and participation in NIFR IWC initiatives at the local, regional, and national level, e.g., NIFR EPD instructor/facilitator, SEL JQR trainer, SEL APPLY Board Membership, etc.
- Strong CPO Mess involvement with documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those leading in CPO Initiation, Sailor 360 and/or serving in CPOA leadership positions

### **Commissioning/Other Special Programs:**

Commissioning Programs - [Commissioning Programs \(navy.mil\)](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=10444)

CSEL Program - [Pages - CMC\\_CSC\\_Program \(navy.mil\)](https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=10444)