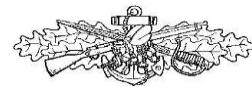




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Builder (BU): Makes up the largest segment of the Naval Construction Force. BUs work as rough and finish carpenters, roofers, concrete finishers, masons, painters, bricklayers and cabinetmakers. Construction skills performed include: erecting wood, masonry, concrete and steel structures; installing interior finish work, sheet rock, paneling, ceramic tile walls, suspended ceilings, floor coverings, millwork and trim; operating carpentry shops, cabinet-making shops and tool and equipment repair shops; mixing, placing and finishing concrete to include building forms for concrete construction, operating concrete batch plants, portable concrete mixers and other concrete finishing tools and equipment; building wharves, bridges, and other heavy timber structures; reading and interpreting blueprints and preparing sketches for projects; making estimates of material, labor, and Civil Engineering Support Equipment (CESE) requirements. Combat skills performed include embarkation via airlift/sealift; chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) response including individual and unit protection and decontamination; coordinating disaster recovery teams (DRT); performing camp security (e.g. guard duty, obstacle construction, observation posts, patrols for squad/platoon sized elements, convoys with various numbers of troops and CESE, and communications set up). Individuals obtain small arms qualifications, advanced first aid training and crew-served weapons qualifications.

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	POSSIBLE NECs	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
29-30	CBCM	20.4 Yrs	CSEL	N/A	Subsequent Tours.
25-29	CBCM CUCS	20.4 Yrs 17	CSEL	8LDC, 8SEA	Billet: Region/Company Chief, Operations LCPO R3C/S3C, Training LCPO R3C/S7C Manpower Chief, RAC, Mob Manager, Dept. Chief Duty: NCB, NCR, NCG, NSW, NFELC, NECC, NAVFAC, NCHB,
22-25	CBCM CUCS BUC	20.4 Yrs 17 14.8	CSEL	8LDC, 8SEA	Billet: SEL/SEA, Operations LCPO R3C/S3C, Training LCPO R7C/S7C, Region/Company Chief, Manpower Chief, RAC, Mob Manager, Dept Chief. Duty: NCB, NCR, NCG, NSW, NFELC, NECC, NAVFAC, NCHB,
18-22	CBCM CUCS BUC BU1	20.4 Yrs 17 14.8 10	LDO, OCS, MECP, Equal Opportunity Advisor	8LDC, 8SEA, B00A, B13A, B14A, B15A, B22A	Billet: Operations Staff, Training Staff, Department LCPO, Region Chief, Platoon Chief, Manpower Chief, RAC, Mob Manager, Dept Chief. Duty: NCB, NCHB, ACB, NCR, NCG, NAVFAC, NECC, NSW
15-18	CUCS BUC BU1	17 Yrs 14.8 10	LDO, OCS, MECP, SEL, Equal Opportunity Advisor	8SEA, B00A, B13A, B14A, B15A, B22A	Billet: Project Manager, Platoon CPO, Det OIC/AOIC, Company Ops Chief, QC Chief Duty: NCB, NCR, NCG, ACB NAVFAC, NECC, NSW, NCHB
11-15	BUC BU1 BU2	14.8 Yrs 10 5.7	LDO, OCS, MECP, SEL, Equal Opportunity Advisor	830A, 833A, B00A, B13A, B14A, B15A, B22A	Billet: Builder, Region/Company LPO, DET OIC/AOIC/LPO, Safety/QC Specialist Duty: NCB, NCR, NCG, NECC, NSW, ACB



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7-11	BU1 BU2	10 Yrs 5.7	OCS, LDO. MECP STA-21	B13A, B14A, B15A, B22A	Billet: Builder: SME, LPO, DET AOIC, Quality Control, Safety, Training, OPS, or Project Supervisor. Duty: NCB, NCHB, ACB, NCR or NCG. Qualifications: SCW/EXW/NEC if applicable to billet
3-7	BU2 BU3	5.7 Yrs 30 Months	STA-21, OCS, MECP	B13A, B14A, B15A, B22A	Billet: Builder: Crew Leader Duty: NCB, ACB, NCR or NCG. Leadership: Squad Leader, Fire Team Leader, Crew Leader Qualification: SCW/EXW/NEC
1-3	BU3	30 Months		N/A	Billet: Basic trades Duty: NCB, ACB, NCR
1+/-	BUCN BUCA Accession training	18 Months		804G	Recruit training, "A" School, and ECS (NEC 804G equivalent) if initial billet is in NECC.

Notes:

1. "A" school is required for this rating.
2. This is a compression rating.
3. E8 and E9 SEABEE Ratings: Three of the seven Seabee ratings compress to one rating at the E8 level. All Seabee ratings compress at the E9 level.
 - a. CUCS - BU/EA/SW
 - b. CBCM – CE/CM/CU/EO/UT
4. SEABEE NECs: 804G Expeditionary Combat Skills, 811A 3MC, 830A HAZMAT Control Tech, 833A Disaster Prep Op and Training, B00A Construction Inspector, B13A BU Advanced, B14A Tool and Equipment Tech, B15A Planning and Estimating, B22A Safety Inspector.
- NEC Notes: NECs may be challenged/earned based upon civilian occupation and training documentation. Most advanced skill schools that award NECs are tied to billets coded for that skill. Proper career and unit RUAD management is essential to provide these training opportunities. NCBs possess many of these billets.
5. Occupation Field 7 (OF-6) Rating: Ratings in which primary technical focus is construction and consideration should be given to technical skill.
6. Warfare Qualification: The Seabee Combat Warfare (SCW) specialist warfare qualification designation was established in 1992. Qualifying units are a Naval Construction Battalions (NCBs) (Previously NMCBs), Naval Construction Battalions (NCBs), the Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB), and the two Underwater Construction Teams (UCTs). The Expeditionary Warfare Specialist (EXW) warfare qualification designation was established in 2006. Qualifying commands are NMCB, NCB, Maritime Expeditionary Groups/Squadrons (MSRON), Naval Construction Regiment (NCR), Navy Expeditionary Logistics Units, and Naval Special Warfare (NSW).



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7. Challenging Assignments:

a. Naval Construction Battalions (NCBs): NCBs (Previously NMCBs) provide advanced base construction support to joint military environments including force protection, public works, expeditionary construction humanitarian assistance, disaster recovery while maintaining a high level of mobility. Current SELRES rotations are five years with a unit mobilization averaging once every five years. SELRES NCBs are home ported in Port Hueneme, CA and Gulfport, MS.

b. Naval Special Warfare (NSW): Combat Service Support units within the two reserve SEAL teams deploy regularly to provide logistic, construction and camp maintenance support to deployed NSW elements. This is a screened command with high physical fitness and performance standards. The NEC 854A NSW(CSS) may be earned. A security clearance is needed for these billets.

c. Recruit Division Commander/Instructor: These billets are challenging leadership positions associated with the process of “Sailorization” and developing the force. Must be SCW qualified and have a history of sustained superior performance to qualify for these billets.

8. ACRONYMS SPECIFIC TO THE BU RATE INCLUDE:

CBC	Navy Construction Battalion Center
NCB	Naval Construction Battalion
CSFE	Center for Seabees and Facilities and Engineering
NAVFAC	Navy Facilities Engineering Command
NCG	Naval Constructors Group
NCR	Naval Construction Regiment- ISIC for 2 or 3 Battalions
NCTC	Navy Construction Training Center
NECC	Navy Expeditionary Combat Command
NFELC	Navy Facilities Expeditionary Logistics Center
NSW	Naval Special Warfare
R3C/S3C	Operations Chief for a Regiment or Battalion.
R7C/S3C	Training Chief for a Regiment or Battalion.
RAC	Reserve Assignment Coordinator (Detailer)

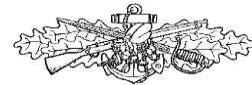
Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7

E7 Selection Board. Highly competitive candidates for selection as a Chief Petty Officer have met many or all of the following milestones:

- Sustained superior performance broken out amongst their peers as documented on evaluations.
- ALDC graduate.
- Documented leadership, and the results of that leadership, on the commands mission and Sailors. BU1s should seek out and request demanding jobs (listed in order of responsibility and scope starting with the most demanding) such as Region LPO or Company LPO, Detachment OIC, AOIC, or LPO, any position that normally requires a Chief Petty Officer but is being filled by a BU1 (such as QC Chief or Safety Chief), Battalion OPS LPO, Battalion Training LPO, Platoon Chief and Platoon LPO. Special consideration should be given to those sailors who have documented success in the above jobs; especially if successfully held while on deployment.
- *Note* Terms loosely used on evaluations such as OPS LPO or Training LPO may only reflect det, squad, or platoon level and are not of the same significance as the broader, wider, scope of the Commissioned unit, such as the above listed examples of direct leadership. Special attention should be paid to the number of sailors led and where led (deployment).
- For construction projects, if assigned, documented success as a project supervisor.
- SCW qualified a must if assigned to a qualifying unit. Qualifying units listed above.
- EXW qualified a must if assigned to a qualifying unit. Qualifying units listed above. (This is a secondary qualification for NMCB/NCB units and not a must.)
- Documented success improving warfighting readiness for the unit should be viewed positively.



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- In rate knowledge, earned Advanced BU NEC and/or other NCF related NECs; if possible.
- LPO or lead for the Safety or Quality Control programs.
- First Class Petty Officer Association (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
- Mentorship and professional development of Sailors. Documented impact.
- CMEO, Career Counselor or special program leader as a collateral duty is a plus and helps break out.

Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8

E8 Selection Board. Highly competitive candidates for selection as a Senior Chief Petty Officer have met many or all the following milestones:

- Sustained superior performance broken out amongst their peers.
- CPO-LDC graduate.
- Documented CHALLENGING leadership roles, results of leadership on commands mission and Sailors.
- BUCs should seek out and request demanding jobs (listed in order of responsibility and scope starting with the most demanding) such as Department Head, Department Chief (Ex: Battalion/Regiment 3C (OPS LCPO), or 7C (Training LCPO), Region/Company LCPO, Manpower Chief, Mobilization Manager, Reserve Assignment Coordinator (RAC), Region/Company Operations or Training Chief, Detachment OIC, Detachment AOIC, or Detachment Chief.
- *Note* Terms loosely used on evaluations such as OPS Chief or Training Chief may only reflect det, squad, or platoon level and are not of the same significance as the broader, wider, scope of the Commissioned unit, like R3C/S3C or R7C/S7C, such as the above listed examples of direct leadership. Special attention should be paid to the job scope, number of sailors led, and where led (deployment).
- Primary or Collateral assignment as the Command Managed Equal Opportunity (CMEO), Career Counselor, Safety Chief, or QC Chief for the entire commissioned/organic unit shall be given the same weight as those holding DET OIC positions. Must have documented success in these positions.
- Excelling at multiple commands, did not stay in comfort zone.
- Documented success improving warfighting readiness for the unit should be viewed positively.
- Chief Petty Officer Association (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.
- SAILOR 360 with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.
- Mentorship and professional development of Sailors. Documented impact.
- Successful completion of the Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA), formal and professional education.

Considerations for advancement from E8 to E9

E9 Selection Board. Highly competitive candidates for selection as a Master Chief Petty Officer have met many or all the following milestones:

- Sustained superior performance broken out amongst their peers.
- Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) graduate.
- Preference should be given to sailors who have experience at Key E8 billets at operational NCF units; the NCB's or NCR's. These are typically more challenging, demanding, and arduous.
- Documented ever increasing CHALLENGING leadership roles, results of leadership on commands mission and sailors. CUCSs should seek out and request demanding jobs (listed in order of responsibility and scope starting with the most demanding) such as SEL for a deployed (mobilized) unit, NCB or NCR Operations Chief, NCB or NCR Training Chief, Mobilization Manager, Reserve Assignment Coordinator, NECC SEL, SEL of NCG 1 or 2 Augment, SEL of 30th or 22 NCR Augment, Manpower Chief at an NCB or NCR, Dept Head at an NCB or NCR, Dept Chief at an NCB or NCR.



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- *Note* Terms loosely used on evaluations such as OPS Chief or Training Chief may only reflect det, squad, or platoon level and are not of the same significance as the broader, wider, scope of the Commissioned unit, like R3C/S3C or R7C/S7C, such as the above listed examples of direct leadership. Special attention should be paid to the job scope, number of sailors led, and where led (deployment).
- Excelling at multiple commands, didn't stay in comfort zone.
- Documented success improving warfighting readiness for the unit should be viewed positively.
- Earning additional special qualifications when available.
- 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.
- SAILOR 360 with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.
- Mentorship and professional development of Sailors. Documented impact.
- EJPME
- CMEO, Career Counselor or special program leader as a collateral duty is a plus and helps break out.
- Involvement in committees or boards that help in development of sailors and/or your community.

Commissioning/Other Special Programs:

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