



AZ CAREER PATH
TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE RESEARVES (TAR)



Aviation Maintenance Administrationmen (AZ) perform a variety of clerical, administrative and managerial duties necessary to keep aircraft maintenance activities operating efficiently. The rating requires close communication with all other aviation maintenance ratings

YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO ADVANCE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/SHORE ROTATION	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
26-30	AZCM	25.33 Yrs	CSEL, 8CMC	(Note 1)	
23-26	AZCM AZCS	25.33 Yrs 18.33	CSEL, 8CMC/8CSC	(Note 1) 48/36	4 th Tour (Note 2) Billet: MMCPO/MSCPO/Staff LCPO/Production LCPO/ SEL/CSEL/QAS/QAO Duty: AMMT/SQD/ECH IV Qualification: SFF/SFM
20-23	AZCM AZCS AZC	25.33 Yrs 18.33 13.65	CWO, CSEL, 8CMC/8CSC, ECM, Rating Detailer, Instructor	See Note 1 48/36 48/36	3 rd Shore Tour Billet: MMCPO/MSCPO/Staff LCPO/Production LCPO/ SEL/CSEL/QAS/QAO/ACOR/ TPOC/GGFR/GGR Duty: PERS/TYCOM/ECH IV /FRC/NRC/RESFOR/FRS/ NAVAIR/NAVMAC/STAFF Qualification: NRC PQS/SFF/SFM/EAWS/Six Sigma Lean
16-20	AZCS AZC AZ1	18.33Yrs 13.65 8.77	OCS, CWO, CSEL, 8CSC	48/36 48/36 48/42	3 rd Sea Tour Billet: Maint LCPO/Dept LCPO/QAO/QAS/CSEL/LPO Duty: AMMT/SQD/SAU Qualification: EAWS/SFF/SFM
12-16	AZCS AZC AZ1	18.33 Yrs 13.65 8.77	OCS, LDO, CWO, CSEL, RDC, Command Climate Specialist, Instructor Duty	48/36 48/36 48/42	2 nd Shore Tour Billet: Instructor/LCPO/ MC/PC/LPO/ACOR/TPOC/ GGFR/GGR Duty: FRS/FRC/TYCOM/ECH IV/STAFF Qualification: EAWS/SFF/SFM/Six Sigma Lean
8-12	AZC AZ1 AZ2	13.65 Yrs 8.77 3.35	OCS, LDO, CSEL	48/36 48/42 48/42	2 nd Sea Tour Billet: LCPO/MC/ L&R/LPO/SUP/DBA/CTPL/O PS Admin/Maint Admin Duty: SQD/AMMT/SAU Qualification: MC/PC/Phase Coord/SFF/SFM/EAWS
5-8	AZ1 AZ2 AZ3	8.77 Yrs 3.35 2.07	STA-21, LDO, RDC, Instructor Duty	48/42 48/42 48/42	1 st Shore Tour Billet: Instructor/MC/PC/ NALCOMIS DBA/L&R/CTPL/ Maint Admin Clerk/LPO/SUP Duty: FRS/FRC/ECH IV



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					Qualification: EAWS/Six Sigma Lean
YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO ADVANCE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/SHORE ROTATION	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
1-5	AZ2 AZ3	3.35 Yrs 2.07	STA-21, OCS	48/42 48/42	1 st Sea Tour Billet: MC/L&R/CTPL/OPS Admin/Maint Admin Duty: SQD Qualification: NEC/EAWS/QPJ/QPA
1+/-	AZAN AZAA Accession Training	9 Months		48/42	Recruit Training (8 weeks)/'A' School (8 weeks).

NOTE:

1. Detailing at this paygrade is based on force requirements/availability.
2. Detailing at this career point can be either sea or shore based on force detailing requirements/availability.
3. "A" School is not required.
4. AZ Rating requires a DONCAF adjudicated security clearance and is not waivable.
5. NECs held:
 - 805A: Instructor
 - 724B: Aviation Maintenance Material Control Master Chief
 - 770B: Aviation Maintenance/Production Chief
 - F01A: F-18 Automated Maintenance Environment Operator
 - F02A: Optimized NALCOMIS System Administrator/Analyst OMA
 - F03A: Optimized NALCOMIS Database Administrator/Analyst IMA
 - **F02A/F03A NECs are billet/funding driven; may not be attainable by all AZ's**

6. ACRONYMS INCLUDE:

ACOR	Alternate Contracting Officer Representative	GGFR	Ground Government Flight Representative
GGR	Government Flight Representative	TPOC	Technical Point of Contact
CSEL	Command Senior Enlisted Leader	SEL	Senior Enlisted Leader
QAR	Quality Assurance Representative	SFF	Safe for Flight
SFM	Safe for Mission	SQD	Squadron
FRC	Fleet Readiness Center	NRC	Naval Reserve Center
L&R	Logs and Records	AMMT	Aviation Maintenance Management Team
FRS	Fleet Replacement Squadron	RTC	Recruit Training Command
SAU	Squadron Augment Units	TPOC	Technical Point of Contact
OTC	Officer Training Command	OMA	Organizational Maintenance Activity
IMA	Intermediate Maintenance Activity	QA	Quality Assurance
MC	Maintenance Control (Applies to O-Level Activity)	MTS	Master Training Specialist
PC	Production Control (Applies to I-Level Activity)	SRT	Special Reconnaissance Team
MMCPO	Maintenance Master Chief		
MSCPO	Maintenance Senior Chief		
QPJ/QPA	Qualified Proficient Journeyman/Qualified Proficient Apprentice		
CDQAR	Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative		
OOMA DBA/A	Optimized NALCOMIS Database Administrator/Analyst		



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Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7

NOTE: *Intermediate Leader Development Course (ILDC) and Advanced Leader Development Course (ALDC) will be a prerequisite for advancement to E-6 and E-7 respectively, starting in calendar year 2025.*

1. Sea Assignments

- Must have documentation of proficient utilization of in-rate knowledge/qualifications/abilities.
- At least one warfare pin (AW primary)
- Should have served as LPO or Assistant LPO
 - MC
 - Division
 - Department
- SFF/SFM Qualification
 - ***SFF/SFM qualification is **NOT A REQUIREMENT** for advancement to E-7 and is limited only to certain platforms for AZ rating. E-6's holding the SFF/SFM qualification should be given appropriate consideration for advancement due to the nature of the qualification and with documented usage.
 - C-130 SFF Certifier NEC E47A (Rev. 3/23) and C-40 SFF Certifier NEC E50A (Rev. 6/22) are **NOT** authorized for AZ, PR, or AO source ratings.
- Command Collateral duties with documented impact.
- FCPOA membership with strong involvement and documented impact. Consideration should be given to those in leadership positions who have documented impact.
- SAILOR 360/Mentorship with strong involvement and documented impact. Consideration should be given to those in leadership positions who have documented impact.

2. Shore Assignments

- There is no special screening for FRS Squadrons. However, FRS should be considered arduous duty due to the nature of operations.
 - SAU's augment and support FRS's and type wing operational requirements.
- Must have documentation of proficient utilization of in-rate knowledge/qualifications/abilities.
- At least one warfare pin (AW primary)
- FRS favorable positions include:
 - MC
 - Dept/Div LPO
 - Qualifications:
 - ***SFF/SFM qualification is **NOT A REQUIREMENT** for advancement to E-7 and is limited only to certain platforms for AZ rating. E-6's holding the SFF/SFM qualification should be given appropriate consideration for advancement due to the nature of the qualification and with documented usage.
- Shore facility favorable positions include:
 - PC LPO
 - Dept/Div LPO
- Qualifications:
 - Personnel assigned to NRC'S **SHALL** complete the Navy Reserve Activity Staff Personnel Qualification Standard – NAVEDTRA 43075-A series.
 - Six Sigma Lean Greenbelt Certification.
 - 805A Instructor NEC
 - MTS (if available)
- Strong consideration to high priority assignments such as RTC, OTC and Naval Academy as a Recruit Division Commander due to the extensive screening, endorsement, and selection process.
- Strong consideration for certain successful tours which demonstrate leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
 - Instructor/TYCOM/WING
- Command Collateral duties with documented impact.



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- SAILOR 360/Mentorship with strong involvement and documented impact. Consideration should be given to those in leadership positions who have documented impact.

Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8

Required: CPOLDC will be a required for advancement to E8 commencing with the FY 2026 Selection Board.

Not Required: Senior Enlisted Academy – This course is not required and has limited E7 quotas.

NOTE 1: *NEC 770B Aviation Maintenance / Production Chief: Strong consideration should be given to personnel that as a Chief have held one or more of the following billets while at the E7 paygrade; and must have served in the billet for at least 12 consecutive months: Maintenance Control, Production Control, Quality Assurance, SRT LCPO.*

NOTE 2: *Strong consideration for personnel designated as a COR/ACOR/TPOC/GGFR/GGR at a contract maintenance command or any squadron that manages contract maintenance due to the additional level of responsibility that comes with these roles. Due to nature of contract, these billets may be at Sea or Shore commands.*

1. Sea Assignments

- At least one warfare pin (AW primary)
- SFF/SFM
 - SFF/SFM qualification is limited only to certain platforms for AZ rating. E-7's holding the SFF/SFM qualification may be given appropriate consideration for advancement due to the nature of the qualification and with documented usage.
 - C-130 SFF Certifier NEC E47A (Rev. 3/23) and C-40 SFF Certifier NEC E50A (Rev. 6/22) are **NOT** authorized for AZ, PR, or AO source ratings.
- At least 12 months in a command role/billet
 - Maintenance LCPO
 - QA LCPO / QAS
 - Detachment LCPO / SEL
 - Rescue DETs and DETs for new delivery aircraft do NOT qualify as Detachment LCPO
- Assignment on AMMT is considered arduous duty which demonstrates leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
- Command Collateral Duty with documented impact.
- CPOA with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions who have documented impact.
- CPO Initiation with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions who have documented impact.
- SAILOR 360/Mentorship with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions who have documented impact.

2. Shore Assignments

- At least one warfare pin (AW primary)
- There is no special screening for FRS Squadrons. However, FRS should be considered arduous duty due to the nature of operations.
 - SAU's augment and support FRS's and type wing operational requirements.
- At least 12 months in a command role/billet:
 - MC LCPO
 - QA LCPO
- I-Level shore facility:
 - Production Division LCPO
 - QA LCPO
 - PC LCPO



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- Strong consideration to high priority assignments such as RTC, OTC and Naval Academy as a Recruit Division Commander due to the extensive screening, endorsement, and selection process.
- Staff Duty: Strong consideration for successful tours which demonstrate leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
 - TYCOM Advisor/WING Inspector/Enlisted Community Manager/NAVMAC/NAVAIR/NRC /Rating Detailer
- Qualifications:
 - Personnel assigned to NRC'S **SHALL** complete the Navy Reserve Activity Staff Personnel Qualification Standard – NAVEDTRA 43075-A series.
 - Six Sigma Lean Greenbelt Certification.
 - 805A Instructor NEC
 - MTS (if available)
 - SFF/SFM (if available)
- Command Collateral duties with documented impact.
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Considerations for advancement from E8 to E9

Required: Graduate of Senior Enlisted Academy – This course is available to all E8's and E9's.

NOTE 1: *Strong consideration for personnel designated as a COR/ACOR/TPOC/GGFR/GGR at a contract maintenance command or any squadron that manages contract maintenance due to the additional level of responsibility that comes with these roles. Due to nature of contract, these billets may be at Sea or Shore commands.*

NOTE 2: The 724B NEC is recommended for advancement to E9 as it is the pinnacle NEC qualification (not available to members assigned to a billet on the AMMT). Applies to both Sea and Shore commands. However, source rated personnel at the O-Level shall be SFF qualified prior to awarding NEC. C-130 SFF Certifier NEC E47A (Rev. 3/23) and C-40 SFF Certifier NEC E50A (Rev. 6/22) are **NOT** authorized for AZ, PR, or AO source ratings

1. Sea Assignments

- Assignment on AMMT is considered arduous duty which demonstrates leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
- At least 12 months in a command role:
 - Maintenance SCPO - Qualified Safe For Flight/Safe For Mission
 - Strong consideration for those with documented completion of a successful inspection cycle (AMI/MCI/MPA, etc.)
 - QAO/QAS
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- 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.
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- SAILOR 360/Mentorship with strong involvement and documented impact. Special consideration should be given to those in leadership positions.

2. Shore Assignments

- There is no special screening for FRS Squadrons. However, FRS should be considered arduous duty due to the nature of operations.
 - SAU's augment and support FRS's and type wing operational requirements.
- At least 12 months in a command role / billet
 - Maintenance SCPO – Qualified Safe For Flight/Safe For Mission
 - Strong consideration for those with documented completion of a successful inspection cycle (AMI/MCI/MPA, etc.)
 - QAO/QAS
 - Strong consideration for those with documented completion of a successful inspection cycle (AMI/MCI/MPA, etc.)
- Staff Duty: Strong consideration for successful tours which demonstrate leadership, character, and ability to communicate effectively.
 - TYCOM Advisor/WING Inspector/Enlisted Community Manager/NAVMAC/NAVAIR/NRC
- I-Level shore facility:
 - Strong consideration for those with documented completion of a successful inspection cycle (AMI/MCI/MPA, etc.) and serving in one of the following billets:
 - Production Division LCPO
 - QA LCPO
 - PC LCPO
- At least one warfare pin (AW Primary)
- Qualifications:
 - Personnel assigned to NRC'S **SHALL** complete the Navy Reserve Activity Staff Personnel Qualification Standard – NAVEDTRA 43075-A series.
 - Six Sigma Lean Greenbelt Certification.
 - 805A Instructor NEC
 - MTS (if available)
 - SFF/SFM (if available)
- Strong consideration to high priority assignments such as RTC, OTC and Naval Academy as a Recruit Division Commander due to the extensive screening, endorsement, and selection process.
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