

## MILPERSMAN 1210-010

### NAVAL AVIATOR AND FLIGHT OFFICER DESIGNATIONS

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<b>Reference (s)</b>	(a) NAVMED P-117, Manual of the Medical Department, chapter 15 (b) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations
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1. **Policy.** Commissioned line officers in the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard who have successfully completed the course of instruction as naval aviator or naval flight officer (by assigned competent authority) may be designated by Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) or Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) as a naval aviator or naval flight officer, respectively.

2. **Procedures for Initial Issuance of Designation**

a. Training commands (training wings and or training squadrons) authorized by CNATRA to issue designations to newly graduated naval aviators and naval flight officers must, after issuing a letter of designation to a Service Member, submit an individually scanned electronic copy of the letter to Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), AOCM/ACCP/ACIP Program Manager (PERS-435) by E-mail to [acipandaccp@navy.mil](mailto:acipandaccp@navy.mil). NAVPERSCOM (PERS-435) may be contacted by phone at: Commercial (901) 874-3484 or -3947; DSN 882. Individual training wings should determine for themselves whether E-mail submissions will be made at the squadron level or at the wing level. Upon receipt, NAVPERSCOM (PERS-435) must use the designation letter to:

(1) Convert the Service Member's designator from student aviator (139X)/student flight officer (137X) to naval aviator (131X)/naval flight officer (132X).

(2) Assign the Service Member's active duty service obligation incurred for undergraduate flight training.

b. Upon completion of these two steps, NAVPERSCOM (PERS-435) must deliver copies of all designation letters to NAVPERSCOM, Records Management Policy Branch (PERS-313) for upload into the Service Member's official military personnel file.

### 3. Revocation

a. Right to wear aviation insignia may be revoked by CHNAVPERS, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard upon the recommendation of the naval aviation evaluation board.

b. Revocation can be rescinded by original revoking authority listed above upon recommendation of board convened to review individual case.

4. Reasons for Revocation. The following are reasons for the revocation of aviation insignia:

a. Lack of motivation for flying.

b. Unfit for flight duties, which may not be limited to the following:

(1) Refusal to fly;

(2) Malingering;

(3) Culpable negligence in flight duties;

(4) Breach of flight regulations or discipline; or

(5) Lack of aeronautical ability.

### 5. Medical Standards

a. Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) establishes physical standards for aviation personnel.

b. Naval aviators must be assigned one of three service groups: I, II, or III. These groups are stipulated in reference (a).

6. **Failure to Meet Physical Standards**

a. Failure to meet physical requirements are documented with SF 88 Medical Record - Report of Medical Examination and forwarded to BUMED. BUMED will forward this report with a recommendation as to the case disposition to CHNAVPERS. The following are disposition options:

(1) Continue unrestricted flight status in present service group subject to CHNAVPERS waiver of defects.

(2) Restrict to flight duties of lessened tempo commensurate with temporary physical condition (recuperation from injuries or illness).

(3) Remove from flight status.

b. The following are options specifically with regard to naval aviators:

(1) Restrict to flight duties of next lower service group.

(2) Restrict to flight duties of service group III, requiring a co-pilot qualified in service group I or II.

(3) If assigned to service group III because of temporary physical defect, an aviator must be retained in group III for 6 months and be re-examined. If disability warrants additional recuperation, an additional 6 months may be assigned prior to final classification as group III.

(4) A service group III aviator may be temporarily assigned to group II as the needs of the Service requires. CHNAVPERS will authorize the final redesignation to group III.

7. **Removal from Flight Status**

a. If conditions warrant removal from flight status, resulting in change of designator or revoking of flight authority, a formal board of medical officers will evaluate physical disqualifications.

b. CHNAVPERS will decide if member must be retained within or assigned to duty outside aeronautical organization.

8. **Local Board.** Local board of flight surgeons may be convened by cognizant aviation commander or higher command, per BUMED procedures, to evaluate impairment of physical condition or aeronautical adaptability which affects performance of duties associated with flight status.

- a. Board will submit report to BUMED.
- b. BUMED will make recommendations to CHNAVPERS.
- c. Board decision is final until review by CHNAVPERS.

9. **Right to Appeal.** If a member desires to appeal physical disposition, CHNAVPERS must convene a formal five-member board (at least three of whom must be senior flight surgeons, and the other members will be aviation medical examiners).

- a. Board decisions are final.
- b. Appellants may appear before the board.
- c. Temporary additional duty orders authorizing Government air travel may be issued at no additional cost to the Government.