

## MILPERSMAN 1210-081

### MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS FLIGHT OFFICER DESIGNATION

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<b>References</b>	(a) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations (b) BUMEDINST 6010.30
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1. **Policy.** Medical Service Corps (MSC) officers who have successfully completed qualifications ascribed to aerospace medicine specialist (AMS) may be designated by the Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) with the following subspecialties (SSP):

- a. 1844 - aerospace experimental psychology (AEP)
- b. 1836 - aerospace and operational physiology (AOP)
- c. 1880 - aerospace optometrist (ASO)
- d. 1893 - aerospace physician assistant (APA)

These specialties are collectively referred to as MSC flight officers (MSCFO). The designating authority may be delegated to the Commanding Officer, Navy Medicine Operational Training Center. Naval MSCFOs, upon designation, are authorized to wear the proper insignia as prescribed in reference (a), chapter 5, section 2, article 5201.2, unless specifically revoked by CHNAVPERS. No other SSP may wear the MSCFO insignia, unless approved by CHNAVPERS.

2. **Qualifications.** Qualifications for all MSCFOs include:

- a. Basic qualifying degrees or certifications for each SSP listed in paragraph 7;

b. Successful completion of Officer Development School (course identification number (CIN) P-9E-0003), Officer Training Command Newport, RI;

c. Successful completion of Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (CIN Q-9B-0020) at the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL; this includes being verified as aeronautically and physically qualified by passing a class II flight physical and successful completion of aircrew indoctrination naval aviation survival training;

d. Successful completion of the aerospace specialist training curriculum as prescribed by the Chief of Naval Air Training; this includes successful completion of the Aerospace Medicine Specialist Fixed-Wing Training (CIN Q-2A-0166/1685) and Advanced Helicopter Flight Training (CIN Q-2C-1156). This requirement may be waived for MSC officers who have previously been designated as naval aviators or naval flight officers and

e. Successful completion of the appropriate Naval Aerospace Medicine Institute (NAMI), Pensacola, FL SSP courses listed in paragraph 7.

3. **Failure to Meet Physical Standards and Disposition.** Failure to meet prescribed physical requirements for flying as MSCFOs will be:

a. Documented in the report of the physical examination for flying using [DD 2808 Report of Medical Examination](#) with appropriate addenda and

b. Forwarded to NAMI, Human Performance (Code 53HN); Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) will then evaluate any potential physical disqualification and submit a recommendation to CHNAVPERS for determination. CHNAVPERS will determine whether the Service members will:

(1) Continue class II flight status with accompanying waiver of physical defects,

(2) (for ASO and APA) Be restricted from flight duties, but allowed to retain designation to continue ground duties in their specialty,

(3) (for AEP and AOP) Be able to maintain their SSP code, but must not be their primary SSP. This restricts the Service member from all duties as an AEP or AOP, but allows for continued wear of the MSCFO insignia or

(4) (for all AMS) SSP code removal. This restricts the Service member from all AMS specific duties and from wearing the MSCFO insignia.

4. **Revocation of Designation.** Revocation is normally limited to MSCFOs:

a. Who have expressed a lack of motivation for flying, refusal to fly, malingering, failure to meet physical standards or for failure to fulfill the duties of an MSCFO as delineated by Chief, BUMED,

b. Found by other boards to be incompetent to practice in their specialty or

c. Unsuited for military service and must be disqualified to practice as an MSCFO, and that designation and additional qualification designator (AQD) (if applicable) will be revoked.

5. **Appeals.** CHNAVPERS may convene a formal board of senior aviation medical officers at BUMED. The decision of this board will be final. Appellants may request appearance before this board and be issued temporary additional duty orders authorizing Government air travel at no additional expense to the Government per existing directives.

6. **Insignia.** CHNAVPERS designates qualified MSC officers as MSCFO in one of the recognized SSPs. MSCFOs may wear the appropriate insignia, unless specifically revoked by CHNAVPERS. Personnel who have their insignia revoked may not wear the MSCFO insignia until again approved by CHNAVPERS. The MSCFO insignia will be a gold embroidered or gold metal winged pin with an MSC device inscribed in the center as prescribed in reference (a).

7. Additional SSP Requirements

a. AEP designation requires:

(1) Doctorate (or equivalent terminal degree) in psychology with primary emphasis in the areas of industrial, experimental, engineering, personnel, training, cognition, operations research or physiological psychology. Personnel must demonstrate competence in computer information management systems, higher order computer languages, research design and advanced statistics. Personnel who have completed a master's degree in one of the major areas of emphasis and 4 years prior commissioned service are eligible with specialty leader concurrence and

(2) Completion of the Naval Aerospace Experimental Psychologist Course (B-6H-1400) at NAMI, Pensacola, FL.

b. AOP designation requires:

(1) Master's or doctorate in philosophy (or equivalent terminal degree) in physiology (e.g., cardiovascular, pulmonary, neuro, exercise or occupational). Personnel with related master's (biology, biomedical engineering, kinesiology, zoology or other biological based sciences) are eligible if they have completed the following courses: chemistry, organic chemistry, physics, college mathematics (algebra, pre-calculus or above), statistics and biology/physiology. Personnel with significant military aviation experience who have completed a bachelor's degree with appropriate science background (same as above) are eligible with specialty leader concurrence,

(2) Successful completion of the Naval Aerospace and Operational Physiologist (B-6H-1300) at NAMI, Pensacola, FL,

(3) Successful completion of the internship (B-6H-1301) at an aviation survival training center in order to complete their training and have their SSP code changed from 1836T to 1836E/P/D (as appropriate),

**Note:** Active duty service obligation begins upon successful completion of the internship.

c. ASO designation requires:

(1) Doctorate of optometry degree and

(2) Successful completion of the Naval Aerospace Optometrist (B-6H-1401) at NAMI, Pensacola, FL. Upon designation, ASOs are awarded the AQD "6AN"

d. APA designation requires:

(1) Master's degree in physician assistant studies (equivalent or superior) from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) recognized training program. Current certification by the National Commission for Certification of Physician Assistants per reference (b), subparagraph 5m.

(2) Successful completion of Naval Aerospace Medicine Physician Assistant (B-6H-3031) at NAMI, Pensacola, FL. Upon designation, APAs are awarded the AQD "6AB."