



AWF CAREER PATH (NAC/AW)



Naval Aircrewman Mechanical (AWF) belongs to a diverse community that is highly specialized to the platform to which they are assigned. AWF's serve as Flight Engineers on P-3, C-130 and E-6 aircraft. In addition, they serve as loadmasters and/or Crew Chiefs on C-2 and C-130, and Reel Operators on E-6 aircraft. Members also serve as Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) pilots and payload operators on various platforms.

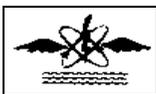
YEARS OF SERVICE	CAREER MILESTONES	AVERAGE TIME TO PROMOTE	COMMISSIONING OR OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS	SEA/ShORE FLOW	TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT
26-30	AWCM	23.6 Yrs	CMC	36	4 th Shore Tour Billet: Detailer/TYCOM/NAVAIR/ FRS/MPRWS/NATTC/NASC/ NACCS, STRATCOM.
23-26	AWCM AWFCS	23.6 Yrs 19.8	CMC, CMDCS	36	4 th Sea Tour Billet: CMDCS/DET LCPO/Department LCPO/QAS/Maintenance Control Supervisor Duty: VP/VQ/VPU/SRT/ UAS/VRC. Qualification: NATOPS Instructor/ NATOPS Evaluator/ SFF, Quality Assurance Supervisor/Maintenance Supervisor.
20-23	AWCM AWFCS AWFC	23.6 Yrs 19.8 15.7	CWO, CMC, CMDCS, Instructor Duty, ECM, Detailer, Placement Coordinator, Rating Specialist, RDC, Recruiting, Naval War College, OCS Leadership Instructor.	36	3 rd Shore Tour Billets: ECM/ Detailer/CTF (Bahrain/Misawa)/FRS Instructor/ Evaluator/Operations/Training LCPO/Wing/"A" School/ CNATTU/NACCS/Water Survival Instructor/MPRWS. Duty: VX/VXS/SRT/UAS. Qualifications: Fleet NATOPS Evaluator/MTS/SIUTI/FIUTI/SFF QAR/ CDQAR/ CDI/NAMP Program Manager/ Quality Assurance Supervisor/Maintenance Supervisor/NAMP Program Monitor.
16-20	AWFCS AWFC AWF1	19.8 Yrs 15.7 9.4	CWO, OCS, MECP CMDCS, RDC, Recruiting, Special Projects, UAS	42	3 rd Sea Tour Billets: NATOPS LPO/LCPO/ Training LPO/LCPO/Operations LPO/LCPO/QA LPO/LCPO/ Maintenance Control LPO/LCPO. Duty: VP/VQ/VPU/SRT/ UAS/VRC. Qualification: NATOPS Instructor/Evaluator/ SFF/SIUTI/QAR/ CDQAR/CDI/NAMP Program Manager/ Quality Assurance Supervisor/Maintenance Supervisor/ NAMP Program Monitor.



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13-16	AWFCS AWFC AWF1	19.8 Yrs 15.7 9.4	RDC, LDO, CWO, STA-21, NSWG UAS, Embassy Duty, Naval War College, OCS Leadership Instructor, Recruiting, Instructor Duty	36	2 nd Shore Tour Billets: NATOPS LPO/LCPO/ Training LPO/LCPO Operations LPO/LCPO/QA LPO/LCPO/ Maintenance Control LPO/LCPO/ Classroom Instructor/Schedules Petty Officer/NATOPS Instructor/ RDC. Duty: VX/VXS/VRC/FRC/CTF (Bahrain, Misawa)/SRT/ UAS/FRS Instructor/ "A" School/CNATTU/NACCS/Water Survival Instructor/RDC/ Recruiter. Qualification: MTS/Fleet NATOPS Evaluator/NATOPS Instructor/SFF/SIUTI/FIUTI/ QAR/CDQAR/ CDI/NAMP Program Manager/ NAMP Program Monitor. Completed: Senior Enlisted Academy
9-13	AWFC AWF1 AWF2	15.7 Yrs 9.4 4	LDO, CWO, OCS, STA-21, MECP, RDC, Recruiting.	54	2 nd Sea Tour Billets: NATOPS LPO/LCPO/ Training LPO/LCPO/Operations LPO/LCPO/QA LPO/LCPO Maintenance Control LPO/LCPO. Duty: VP/VQ/VPU/ NSWG UAS/VRC. Qualification: NATOPS Instructor Evaluator, IUTI/SFF/QAR/CDQAR/CDI/ NAMP Program Manager/ NAMP Program Monitor.
6-9	AWF1 AWF2 AWF3	9.4 Yrs 4 1.6	STA-21, OCS, MECP, RDC, Recruiting, NSWG UAS	36	1 st Shore Tour Billets: Classroom Instructor/ Schedules Petty Officer/ NATOPS Instructor. Duty: FRS Instructor/"A" School/CNATTU/NACCS/Water Survival Instructor/VX/VXS/ FRC/VRC/RDC/Recruiter. Qualification: MTS/Fleet NATOPS Evaluator/ SIUTI/FIUTI/ SFF.
1-6	AWF2 AWF3	4 Yrs 1.6	STA-21, OCS, MECP, Naval Academy, NROTC	60	1 st Sea Tour Billets: Aircrewman. Duty: VP/VQ/VRC. Qualification: NATOPS Instructor/Positional Instructor/ Plane Captain/NAWS/ EAWS/CDI/QAR.



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1+/-	AWFAN AWFAA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit Training/NACCS/FRS and all schools or training events required to be completed prior to reporting to their first operational command.

NOTES:

1. Upon completion of initial training pipelines, AWFs are typically close-looped detailed by their NEC/platform until there is no longer a need for that particular NEC.
2. Member must volunteer for duty involving flying.
3. Must attend refresher training at a Fleet Replacement Squadron if member was distributed to a billet not requiring regular flight duties exceeding 18 months for designated T/M/S.
4. Career enhancing billets or tours and special qualifications include: FRS Instructor, MPRWS, Instructor Duty, BUPERS SDC, RDC, SRT, Recruiting, ECM/TECHAD, Detailer, Rating Specialist, Placement Coordinator, Overseas duty, PRDO.

5. ACRONYMS SPECIFIC TO THE AW RATE INCLUDE:

FRS	Fleet Replacement Squadron
NAPP	Naval Aviation Production Process
NATOPS	Naval Aviation Training Operations Procedures and Standardization
NACCS	Naval Aircrew Candidate School
SRT	Special Reconnaissance Team
MTS	Master Training Specialist
LSRS	Littoral Surveillance Radar System
AAS	Advanced Airborne Sensor
NATTC	Naval Aviation Technical Training Center
SFF	Safe for Flight
SIUTI	FRS Staff Instructor Under Training Instructor
FIUTI	Fleet Instructor Under Training Instructor
MPRWS	P-3 and/or P-8 Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Weapons School
ACTC	Aircrew Training Continuum (Level 200 Turn Qual, 300 Positional Qual 400 Positional Instructor)

6. Maintenance rated Fixed Wing Aircrewmembers were merged into the AW rating in 2008 when the AW service ratings were established. The following AW service ratings were effective on 1 Oct 2008: AWR, AWS, AWO, AWF, AWV. All Senior Chief Petty Officers in the five service ratings compress to the AWCM rating when selected as a Master Chief Petty Officer.
7. In addition to operational duties, all AWFs are required to maintain minimum Naval Aircrew standards as well as maintain a SECRET or higher security clearance.
8. Due to Fleet manning priorities, AWFs with NECs 8279/8251/8235 are not typically provided the opportunity to pursue career enhancing shore duty outside of the VQ(T)/VQ(P)/VP/VPU/VAW/VRC community such as RDC and Navy Recruiting.