Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer (AMDO)

FY14 Officer Candidate School Applications

This announcement solicits applications for Officer Candidate School (OCS) leading to a commission as an active duty Ensign in the Aviation Maintenance Duty Officer designator (1520). Apply through your Command Career Counselor or local Navy Officer Recruiter. Applications are due at Commander Navy Recruiting Command (CNRC) by 15 January 2014.

APPLYING FOR OCS

Refer to OPNAV Instruction 1420.1B; Enlisted to Officer Commissioning Programs

NOTE: The best advice for applicants is to seek AMDO mentorship. The more senior AMDO the better, but talk with as many as possible. Every AMDO has helpful information to share.

Eligible civilians are strongly encouraged to apply. Active and Reserve enlisted personnel are also eligible. The community selects applicants whose applications indicate they are “best and fully qualified”.

Minimum OAR (Officer Aptitude Rating) is 40 (not waiverable). Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university, preferably in math, engineering, technical, business, or physical science. Superior academic performance in other disciplines will be considered. Applicants must meet rigorous physical readiness standards for OCS. Finally, applicants must not have passed their 35th birthday at the time of commissioning (waivers to be considered by a Professional Recommendation Board on a case-by-case basis).

Again, applications must be received at Commander Navy Recruiting Command (CNRC) by 15 January 2014. A panel of senior AMDOs will formally review of applications on 10 February 2014 and forward professional recommendations to CNRC. The community anticipates 12 quotas. Applicants will be advised of selection status via the recruiter and/or the Commanding Officer at a later date (TBD). FY14 selectees will enter the 13-week OCS course of instruction at Newport, RI, scheduled to graduate before September 30, 2014.

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL

OCS is located at Newport, RI. The OCS course was designed by Navy officers and educators to give students a basic working knowledge of the high-tech Navy establishment afloat and ashore. It prepares students to assume responsibilities as Navy Officers by pushing them to work to their full potential. OCS is demanding, both physically and mentally, and only those with a strong desire to become Navy Officers will successfully graduate. Upon completion, future AMDOs are commissioned as Ensigns with a 4-year obligation from date of appointment.

Visit the Officer Training Command website at http://www.ocs.navy.mil for more information.
COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

AMDOs are maintenance, logistics and acquisition professionals with formal technical and managerial education. They use extensive Fleet experience to provide leadership at all levels of the integrated logistics chain and in general operational support of Naval Aviation. No other field mirrors the AMDO’s education, Fleet experience, and knowledge of integrated logistics.

What we do:

- Provide full-time professional management of organizational (squadron), intermediate (repair facility) and depot level (industrial facility) maintenance organizations.
- Influence emerging aviation weapon system designs to reduce, simplify, or eliminate the requirement for maintenance actions.
- Reconcile long-range readiness objectives with projected resource levels, and establish Naval Aviation Maintenance Policy to ensure objectives are met.

AMDOs receive initial training at the Aviation Maintenance Officer (AMO) School in Milton, FL. The course provides technical information and knowledge of managerial responsibilities required to perform in an entry-level aircraft maintenance manager position. It encompasses the entire spectrum of Naval Aviation Maintenance management with emphasis on maintenance activities, including interface with the supply system and other related activities. Students learn:

- Naval aviation maintenance management and processes;
- Operational readiness organization, including a mock maintenance laboratory;
- Administration, correspondence, manpower management and maintenance training;
- Material management and the Navy supply system;
- Support equipment asset management and maintenance data systems;
- Forms and reports;
- Flight deck and general safety, NAVOSH and hazardous materials;
- Deployment/detachment operations
- Aircraft weight and balance

Initial assignments could be a Fleet squadron, an Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (afloat), or a Fleet Readiness Center ashore. Locations are worldwide.

For more information, visit the Navy Personnel Command AMDO Community web page at http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/officer/communitymanagers/restricted/Pages/AviationMaintenance.aspx

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