We need leaders at sea: Sea Duty Incentive Pay is available for E-5, E-6 and E-7 Sailors...Apply today and get paid to go back to sea! You must contact your detailer and submit a 1306 requesting SDIP and ensure that you are familiar with the requirements outlined in the NAVADMIN 231/12 http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/messages/Documents/NAVADMINS/NAV2012/NAV12231.txt

Maximize your probabilities: Apply inside your current paygrade. E-5s requesting to be detailed into orders one above or below in pay grade (E-4 or E-6), will likely be turned down unless special circumstances apply...spouse’s job, housing commitment, and/or desire to homestead are not considered special circumstances. Do not waste an application by applying outside your current pay grade. http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/enlisted/cmsid/Pages/default2.aspx

AZs are over-manned in ALL special programs. Do not plan on special programs for your next tour of duty. If you are currently filling a special program, do not plan on extending there. Ask the questions until you have the answers. Become familiar with opportunities in your rate, and the governing instructions/NAVADMINS/messages. Call your detailer if you have questions: do not miss out on opportunities because you did not think that you were qualified.

Soft points:
Talk to your Chief, talk to your Career Counselor, or call your detailer.
Once you are selected for orders, feel free to call the detailer a week later to receive a transfer date. Hard copy of orders are usually not available until 60-90 days prior to transfer. Perform you sea duty screening as early as possible to avoid problems with transfer to sea duty billets. Hard copy of orders are usually not available until 60-90 days prior to transfer. Perform you sea duty screening as early as possible to avoid problems with transfer to sea duty billets.