

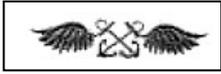


**ABF CAREER PATH  
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Aviation Boatswain's Mates – (Fuels) (ABF). ABFs play a major role in launching and recovering naval aircraft from land (Naval Air Stations) or ships (CVN/LHA/LHD/LPD); this includes fueling/defueling of aircraft ashore and afloat. Duties include: operating, maintaining and performing organizational maintenance on aviation fueling and lubricating oil systems on CVNs/LHA/LHD/LPDs; maintaining fuel quality surveillance and control in aviation fuel systems; and training, directing and supervising fire fighting teams.

<b>YEARS OF SERVICE</b>	<b>CAREER MILESTONES</b>	<b>AVERAGE TIME TO ADVANCE</b>	<b>COMMISSIONING/ OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>SEA/SHORE FLOW</b>	<b>TYPICAL CAREER PATH DEVELOPMENT</b>
27-30	ABCM	23.1 Yrs	CSEL, ECM, AB Detailer	36	4 <sup>th</sup> Shore Tour Billet: LCPO/CSEL/Dept LCPO Duty: Staff/School Qualification: SEA
23-27	ABCM ABFCS	23.1 Yrs 19.1	CSEL	48	4 <sup>th</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Air Dept LCPO/V-4 Division LCPO Duty: CVN/LHA/LHD/LPD Qualification: SEA, Afloat Training Specialist
20-23	ABCM ABFCS	23.1 Yrs 19.1	CSEL, CWO, ECM, Rating Detailer/Rating Specialist, Naval Air Station	36	3 <sup>rd</sup> Shore Tour Billet: Instructor/Fuel Farm LCPO/Inspection/Certification Team Leader/Afloat Training Groups Duty: Staff/School/NAS Qualification: Local JQR/PQS/MTS
16-20	ABFCS ABFC	19.1 Yrs 14.0	MECP, STA-21, OCS, LDO, CWO, Recruiter, RDC, Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Brig Duty, NAVLEAD Instructor, AFLOATRAGRU, COMNAVAIRPAC, COMNAVAIRLANT, NATTC Pensacola, Rating Detailer/Specialist	48	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Flight/Quality Surveillance Sup/Flight Deck Repair Sup/Below Decks Sup/Maintenance LCPO/CPO/LPO Duty: CVN/LHA/LHD/LPD/ESB Qualification: Local JQR/PQS/Afloat Training Specialist
13-16	ABFC ABF1	14.0 Yrs 9.2		36	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shore Tour Billet: Fuel Farm LPO/Fuel Farm LCPO/ 'A'/'C' School Instructor Duty: Staff/School/NAS Qualification: Local JQR/PQS/MTS
8-13	ABFC ABF1	14.0 Yrs 9.2		60	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Flight Deck Supervisor/ Quality Surveillance Sup/Flight Deck Repair Sup/ Flight Deck CPO/LPO/Below Deck Sup/Below Deck CPO/LPO Duty: CVN/LHA/LHD/LPD/ESB Qualification: Local JQR/PQS



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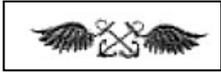


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5-8	ABF2	5.1 Yrs	MECP, STA-21, Naval Academy, NROTC, Recruiter, RDC, USS CONSTITUTION, Brig Duty, Instructor, NATTC Pensacola	36	1 <sup>st</sup> Shore Tour Billet: Aircraft Refueler/Ground Product Operator/Dispatcher/ Maintenance Man/ Aviation Fuels LPO/Aviation Fuels Instructor/Aviation Fuels Maintenance School/Bulk Petroleum School Duty: Staff/School/NAS Qualification: Local JQR/PQS/MTS
1-5	ABF3	3.7 Yrs		55	1 <sup>st</sup> Sea Tour Billet: Flight Deck Refueling Crewman/Control Talker/Flight Deck Supervisor/Below Decks Filter Operator/Pump Room Operator/ Console Operator/Pump Room Supv Duty: CVN/LHA/LHD/LPD/ESB Qualification: Local JQR/PQS
1+/-	ABFN ABFAA Accession Training	9 Months			Recruit training and all schools or training events require completion prior to reporting to their first operational command

Notes:

1. A” School is not required.
2. This is a compression rating – ABE/ABH/ABF ratings compress to AB rating at Master Chief.
3. Common acronyms associated to this career path:

ABF	Aviation Boatswains Mate (Fuels)
ADTT	AIR Department Training Team (CVN)
ATT	Aviation Training Team (LHA/LHD/ESB)
ATG	Afloat Training Group
BUPERS	Bureau of Naval Personnel
CDQAR	Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Rep.
CMEO	Command Managed Equal Opportunity
CNAF	Commander Naval Air Forces
CNAL	Commander, Naval Air Forces Atlantic
CNAP	Commander, Naval Air Forces Pacific
CNATT	Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training
COMFRC	Commander Fleet Readiness Center
CORR CTRL	Corrosion Control
CPOA	Chief Petty Officer's Association
CSEL	Command Senior Enlisted Leader
CWO	Chief Warrant Officer



## ABF CAREER PATH (AW)



DCTT	Damage Control Training Team
DET	Detachment
EAWS	Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist
ECM	Enlisted Community Manager
ESB	Expeditionary Sea Base
FCPOA	First Class Petty Officer's Association
FRC	Fleet Readiness Center
FRS	Fleet Readiness Squadron
LCPO	Leading Chief Petty Officer
LDO	Limited Duty Officer
LPO	Leading Petty Officer
MECP	Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program
MTS	Master Training Specialist
NAS	Naval Air Station
NATTC	Naval Air Technical Training Center
NPC	Navy Personnel Command
NROTC	Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps
OCS	Officer Candidate School
OOD	Officer of the Deck
PERS	Personnel
PO	Petty Officer
QA	Quality Assurance
QAR	Quality Assurance Representative
QAS	Quality Assurance Supervisor
RDC	Recruit Division Commander
SEA	Senior Enlisted Academy
STA-21	Seaman To Admiral

### Considerations for advancement from E6 to E7

#### 1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Should have served as W/C or DIV LPO
- Should be qualified JOOD/OOD(I/P)
- Should have earned at least two warfare pins
- DCTT team or other Training Team member. Repair Locker Leader or other Damage Control organization involvement, ADTT
- Asst Command Collateral (ie: ACFL) with documented impact
- FCPOA involvement
- Sailor 360 active involvement

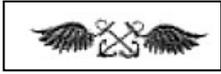
#### 2. Shore Assignments (all)

- Personnel assigned to ABF "A" School or "C" school instructors with 805A NEC are carefully screened and selected to that assignment and are highly valued by the ABF community
- Personnel Assigned to RTC as a Recruit Division Commander are carefully screened and selected for this high priority assignment
- FCPOA involvement; FCPOA elected position is highly favorable
- Sailor 360 active involvement
- Command Collateral with documented impact

### Considerations for advancement from E7 to E8

#### 1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Successfully served as the DIV, or DEPT LCPO
- Should be qualified OOD(I/P), Primary or Assistant Section Leader, and other outside the normal scope (ie: ATTWO, OOD(U/W))



## ABF CAREER PATH (AW)



- Should have earned at least two warfare pins
- Air Department Training Team member. DCTT, Repair Locker Leader or other Damage Control organization involvement is highly favorable
- Command Collateral with documented impact
- CPO mess involvement. Elected position is highly favorable
- Sailor 360 active involvement and Initiation Committee lead

### 2. Shore Assignments (all)

- Personnel assigned to TYCOM Staff, ATG, ABF “A” School or “C” school instructors with 805A NEC, are carefully screened and selected to that assignment and are highly valued by the ABF community
- Personnel Assigned to RTC as a Recruit Division Commander are carefully screened and selected for this high priority assignment
- Command Collateral with documented impact
- CPOA involvement. Elected position is highly favorable
- Sailor 360 active involvement and Initiation Committee lead

### **Considerations for advancement from E8 to E9**

#### 1. Sea Assignments (all)

- Successfully served as the DIV, or DEPT LCPO
- Should be qualified OOD(I/P) and served as a Senior Section Leader
- Should have earned at least two warfare pins
- Air Department Training Team member. DCTT, Repair locker leader or other Damage Control organization involvement is highly favorable
- Command Collateral with documented impact
- CPO mess involvement and holding a position
- Sailor 360 active involvement and Initiation Committee lead

#### 2. Shore Assignments (all)

- Personnel assigned to TYCOM Staff, ATG, ABF “A” School or “C” School Instructors with 805A NEC, are carefully screened and selected to that assignment and are highly valued by the ABF community
- Personnel Assigned to RTC as a Recruit Division Commander are carefully screened and selected for this high priority assignment
- Command Collateral with documented impact
- CPOA involvement and holding a position
- Sailor 360 active involvement and Initiation Committee lead