

MILPERSMAN 1220-020

NAVAL AIRCREW WARFARE SPECIALIST (NAWS) DESIGNATION

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References	(a) BUPERSINST 1326.4D (b) NAVEDTRA 43437, Personnel Qualification Standard for Naval Aircrew Warfare Specialist (NAWS) Common Core (c) OPNAVINST 3710.7T (d) NAVPERS 18068F, Manual of Navy Enlisted Manpower and Personnel Classifications and Occupations Standards (e) COMNAVAIRFORINST 3502.1B Fleet Air Combat Training Continuum (ACTC) Program (f) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations
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1. **Qualifications**. Qualifications for Naval aircrew warfare specialist (NAWS) designation are as follows:

- a. Be qualified as a crew member per reference (a).
- b. Maintain a consistent record of above average performance per MILPERSMAN 1220-010.
- c. Successfully complete a Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) approved aircrew training syllabus including prerequisite pipeline courses that award a distribution Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) of 78XX, 82XX, L00A, or 94XX.
- d. Successfully complete positional qualification requirements for the respective aircraft within 18 months of reporting to the permanent duty station (PDS) per reference (b) and complete Personnel Qualification Standard per reference (c).
- e. Be assigned in a duty involving flying crew (DIFCREW) status with a distribution NEC of 78XX, 82XX (except 802A Naval

aircrew candidate), L00A, or 94XX; qualified and recommended for a crewmember NEC of 78XX, 82XX, L00A, or 94XX.

f. Be detailed into a valid aircrew billet requiring frequent and regular flying duty, defined by billet special category (for all NEC 82xx, 78xx, and 94xx billets) or by billet NEC (for NEC C06A and L00A billets). Members of non-aviation commands must still participate in frequent and regular flying in order to qualify for NAWS designation.

2. Procedures for (NAWS) Designation

a. Commanding officers (COs) shall certify in writing the member's qualifications in aircraft positions per this manual and reference (c).

b. Commands shall ensure the recording of the proper NEC. If it is not reflected on the Enlisted Distribution and Verification Report (EDVR), certification of the NEC shall be submitted per references (a) and (d).

c. COs of aviation units may award NAWS designations after ensuring that criteria within this article and references (a), (c), and (e) have been met. This authority may not be delegated "by direction." A NAWS designation letter should be prepared per reference (a) and presented to the member when the aircrew warfare breast insignia is awarded.

d. Only active aircrew, on and after 1 July 1997, are eligible for certificates of designation. They may not be awarded retroactively.

3. Revocation of NAWS Designation. COs shall revoke the NAWS designation from any aircrew who is permanently removed from flying status per reference (a); however, members who are permanently disqualified from flying due solely to medical reasons will lose their NAWS designation but retain the eligibility to wear the NAWS breast insignia. Any aircrew who are temporarily removed from flying status will also lose their NAWS designation but retain the eligibility to wear the NAWS breast insignia. All aircrew losing their NAWS designation or eligibility to wear the NAWS breast insignia shall be counseled by their CO regarding their specific aircrew status.

4. Reinstatement of Aircrewman Designation. If a previously-designated aircrewman is reinstated to duties involving flying

per reference (a), the member may apply for reinstatement of NAWS designation and eligibility to wear the NAWS breast insignia. Command-endorsed requests for reinstatement of the NAWS designation or right to wear the NAWS breast insignia shall be forwarded for review per reference (a). Members may not wear the Insignia until approval is received.

5. Administrative Procedures

a. Whenever a member qualifies as a Naval aircrewman, an entry shall be made on the NAVPERS 1070/613 (Rev. 7-06), Administrative Remarks, of the service record, indicating the:

- (1) date of qualification.
- (2) type of aircraft in which qualification was received.
- (3) authorization from Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) for awarding the NAWS designation.
- (4) authorization to wear the NAWS breast insignia.

The NAWS designator shall be affixed to the member's rate in the following manner: AWSC(NAC), etc. A personnel diary transaction shall be submitted reporting the change of enlisted designator to NAWS (Code 6).

b. Whenever a member is disqualified from aircrew duty, an entry shall be made on NAVPERS 1070/613 showing the reason for disqualification and rescinding of authorization to wear the NAWS breast insignia (except in the case of physical disqualification). The NAWS designator shall be canceled and a personal diary entry to that effect shall be made as follows: "CH designator to NONE."

c. The assignment or removal of aircrew NECs shall be per references (a) and (d).

d. Proper entry of qualification or disqualification shall be made on special duty abstracts of the health record at the time of original physical examination and annual reexaminations thereafter. Commanding Officers shall be informed of the results of all physical examinations.

e. In all reports, records, or other correspondence concerning active NAWS, the NAWS designator shall be included after the rating abbreviation. For example: AWSC (NAC) or

AWOCS (NAC). Correspondence concerning inactive aircrewmen does not require this identification.

6. **Service Record Entries**. The following service record entries are used in conjunction with various requirements of the NAWS Program:

a. "[DATE]: I, [Member's Name], volunteer for duty involving flying and understand that I must maintain those qualifications specified by Chief of Naval Operations and Chief of Naval Personnel during the periods I am actively assigned to such duties. This agreement shall remain valid until such time as it is rescinded by me or that I am no longer qualified for such duties."

[Member's Signature]

Witnessed:

b. "[DATE]: I, [Member's Name] have been suspended from duty involving flying as a crewmember effective [DATE]. Authority: [fill-in]."

c. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] has been suspended from duty involving flying as a crewmember effective [date]. Revocation procedures initiated per BUPERSINST 1326.4D."

d. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] removed from duty involving flying as a crewmember effective [date]. Authority: [fill-in]."

e. "[DATE]: I, [Member's Name] no longer volunteer for duty involving flying. I fully understand that I shall not be eligible for requalification in the aricrew program on this or subsequent enlistments, and as a result of this disqualification, I shall be subject to reassignment."

[Member's Signature]

Witnessed:

f. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] is disqualified from duties involving flying by reason of [medical, nonvolunteer, performance, cause - specify].

Authority: [fill-in]."

[Signature of commanding officer]

[May not be signed by direction.]

g. "[DATE]: [Member's Name], having been disqualified from duty involving flying, has been advised of MILPERSMAN 1220-020,

NAWS designator is hereby canceled, authorization to wear the NAWS breast insignia has been rescinded [except for disqualification due to medical reasons], aircrew NECs have been recommended for removal, rating conversion procedures initiated per MILPERSMAN 1440-010 [for AW personnel only], and shall be subject to reassignment due to such disqualification."

[May be signed by direction]

[NOTE: Adjustments to the above entry should be made per the type disqualification].

h. "[DATE]: Under BUPERSINST 1326.4D you are herewith provided advance notification of flight pay termination on or about [date] as a result of [Reason, i.e., permanent change of station (PCS) transfer, billet deletion, etc.]."

[Authenticity Officer]

i. "[DATE]: I, [Member's Name], have been advised this date of my flight pay termination effective [date] as a result of [reason]. This notification was provided per BUPERSINST 1326.4D."

[Member's Signature]

7. **Service Record Entries for Reenlistment.** The following entries shall be carried forward on reenlistment of NAC as appropriate:

a. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] volunteered for duty involving flying."

b. "[DATE]: Awarded designation as a Naval Aircrew Warfare Specialist. Authority [fill-in]."

c. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] was disqualified from duty involving flying as a result of [reason]."

d. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] has accumulated the following hours of training and operational flying:

(1) Total from previous enlistments [fill-in].

(2) Total on first past enlistment [fill-in].

(3) Total to date [fill-in]."

8. **Service Record Entry After Ground or Flight Training.** Upon successful completion of a ground or flight training course or syllabus, a service record entry shall be made indicating the following:

- a. Date of completion of course.
- b. Title and or identification number of course or syllabus.
- c. Type of equipment or aircraft (include flight hours).

9. **NAWS Insignia**

- a. The NAWS Insignia consists of a breast insignia as prescribed by reference (f).
- b. Designation as a NAWS by the CO of an aviation command carries authorization to wear the NAWS breast insignia.
- c. The right to wear the NAWS breast insignia shall be rescinded only when a member is disqualified for Naval aircrewmen duty for reasons other than physical disqualification and the aircrew designator is removed. Physical disqualification does not revoke the right to wear the NAWS breast insignia.
- d. Authority granted under previous directives to wear the Combat Aircrew Insignia with battle stars remains in effect throughout a member's naval career.
- e. Service members designated as Naval Aircrewmen on or before 30 September 2009 are grandfathered and considered designated as NAWSs.