

# Enlisted rating guide

Enlisted Coast Guard men and women at all experience levels are expected to be able to perform a variety of tasks, but each has the opportunity to choose a field that will become his or her specialty. There are 23 specialties, called ratings.

## Deck & ordnance group

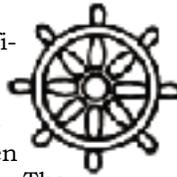
### Boatswains Mate

Considered masters of seamanship, BMs perform almost any task in connection with deck maintenance, small boat operations, navigation, and handling all personnel assigned to a ship's deck force. In many assignments, BMs serve as federal law enforcement officers.



### Quartermaster

At sea, QMs stand watch as officer of the deck, serve as assistants to the officer of the deck and to the navigator; and serve as helmsmen during times when precise ship control is required. They perform communications, navigation, and bridge watch duties; procure, correct, use and stow navigational charts and publications; and maintain navigational instruments and keep navigational time.



### Radarman

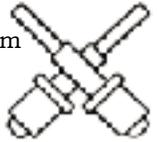
RDs perform functions ranging from database management to Internet web infrastructure and system analysis and maintenance. They operate the Coast Guard's most advanced tactical computer systems incorporating satellite communications, global position navigation, elec-



tronic charting systems to real-time target acquisition, tracking and identification using a vast array of computers, radar and satellite systems.

### Gunners Mate

GMs are experts in everything from small-arms to large shipboard guns, sophisticated weapons systems and an array of munitions. They operate, inspect, maintain and repair all gunnery equipment and its weapons systems components.



### Fire Control Technician

FTs operate, maintain, and repair complicated electronic, hydraulic and mechanical equipment used to determine the accuracy of weapons fire.



## Engineering & hull group

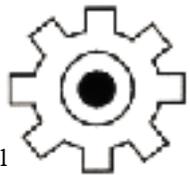
### Damage Controlman

Known as jacks of all trades, DCs perform any or all of the jobs: firefighting, carpentry, plumbing, masonry, concrete work, and chemical, biological and radiological warfare defense.



### Machinery Technician

Members of the Coast Guard's largest rating, MKs are knowledgeable in all areas of machinery operation and maintenance, from internal combustion engines (gas/diesel gas turbines) to environmental support systems (heating/ventilation/air conditioning), hydraulics, basic electricity and areas of hazardous material recovery and control. Many MKs also serve as federal law enforcement officers.



## Rated collar devices & badges

Collar devices (top row) are worn on shirt collars. Badges (bottom row) are worn on the left shoulder of the dress jacket. The small insignia below the eagle on the patches indicates the rating of the wearer.



### Electronics Technician

ETs maintain and repair of sophisticated electronics equipment, radio receivers and transmitters, radar, navigation equipment and computer equipment.



### Telephone Technician

TTs install and maintain telecommunications equipment that ranges from towers, antennas, pole lines and underground cable installations to

