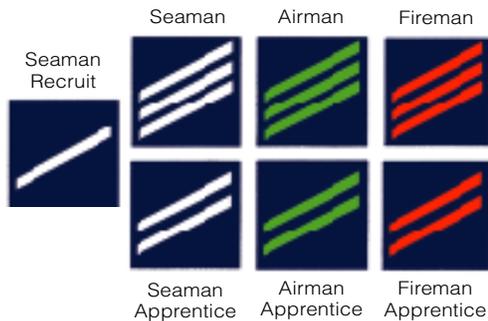


Nonrate badges

Personnel who have not yet chosen and qualified in a rating are commonly referred to as “nonrates.” They do not wear collar devices, but they do wear badges on the left shoulder of their dress jackets. There are three levels of nonrates: seaman recruit, seaman/airman/fireman apprentice, and seaman/airman/fireman.



Stripe color generally indicates the type of rating a nonrate is interested in entering as a petty officer after the appropriate training. For instance, an airman aims toward a career as an AST, AVT or AMT. A fireman might be interested in the DC rating, and a seaman might become a YN.

state-of-the-art computer-based data communications and processing systems, telephone and data switching systems and networks, in addition to public address, security and remote control systems.

Electricians Mate

EMs operate and repair electrical equipment. They take care of electrical propulsion, gyrocompasses, various electrical systems and ships internal communications systems.



Admin & scientific group

Yeoman

YNs fulfill an array of functions that include career counseling and planning, payroll certification, legal administrative assistant duties and a host of other personnel related administrative tasks. In the Coast Guard, our Yeomen are responsible for human resources management.



Storekeeper

Expert purchasing agents and accountants, SKs provide and account for the constant stream of supplies, clothing, commissary items and spare parts necessary to keep the Coast Guard up and running.



Public Affairs Specialist

The Coast Guards information link to external and internal audiences, PAs disseminate news and photos about Coast Guard accomplishments, developments and policies, using news releases, radio and television reports and interviews. They also get the word out through internal publications such as magazines, newspapers and brochures.



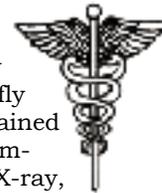
Food Service Specialist

Trained in cooking, menu preparation, baking, sanitation, purchasing food, storage and issue of food products, dietetics and dining facility management, FSs feed the men and women of the Coast Guard.



Health Services Technician

HSs assist medical and dental officers and work independently at some small units, ships and fly on rescue missions. HSs are trained in anatomy and physiology, chemistry, pharmacology, dentistry, X-ray, preventive medicine and more.



Marine Science Technician

MSTs investigate pollution incidents, monitor cleanups, conduct foreign ship boardings to enforce pollution and navigation safety law, conduct harbor patrols and facility inspections, supervise explosives loading, serve on the National Strike Force, and more. Scientific duties include observing and forecasting weather for air stations and icebreakers and operating marine safety laboratories.



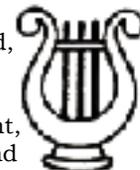
Telecommunications Specialist

The link between people in distress and a rescue vessel or aircraft, TCs handle point-to-point voice and data communications, monitoring and interpreting of distress radio frequencies.



Musician

Members of the Coast Guard Band, MUs represent the U.S. Coast Guard around the nation and the world at functions for the President, the Secretary of Transportation and other Cabinet officials.



Aviation group:

(Note: aviation ratings are not open to reservists)

Aviation Survival Technician

ASTs inspect, service, maintain, troubleshoot and repair aircraft and aircrew survival.

