

Soar to New Heights as a Navy Flight Engineer

Looking for more responsibility? Seeking exposure to state-of-the-art naval aviation technology and training? Ready for a challenge? Becoming a flight engineer (FE) could be the right flight path for you.

FEs are responsible for flight safety. They operate engines and aircraft systems, and troubleshoot and correct malfunctions in flight.

The P-3 Orion community is looking for responsible and motivated Sailors to commit to the FE program. In previous years, only E-5 and above Sailors were eligible. The program is now open to E-4s.

AD, AE, AM, AME and AO are source ratings for the FE program, but the program also welcomes fleet conversions.

Sailors in over-manned ratings such as ABF and ABH can convert to a flight engineer source rating to increase their promotion opportunity as an FE. If qualified, converting Sailors could be automatically promoted to petty officer second class after FE school through the SCORE or STAR programs.

Involved in every part of a flight from fixing it on the ground to bringing it back down, flight engineers need to have a strong desire and commitment to earn the 8251 NEC.

Special Duty Assignment Pay (SDAP) is \$110 dollars per month. Another entitlement is Career Enlisted Flyer Incentive Pay (CEFIP), which is paid to career flyers such as FEs, with the amount based on their years of aviation service. CEFIP rates were recently increased with NAVADMIN 055/02.

FEs can also take advantage of shore-based sea duty consisting of deployment sites around the world. It's likely a Sailor will travel the world during a career as a FE.

For more information on becoming an FE, contact the aviation technical and aircrew enlisted community manager at DSN 225-3812 or (703) 695-3812. For details on STAR and SCORE, see your command career counselor.



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