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## New Warfare Designator Making Its Way to the Fleet

The Navy rolled out its newest warfare designator, the Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer (PAMO) warfare designator during a ceremony Dec. 4.

The PAMO qualification recognizes the significant contributions made by aviation ground officers in support of the Navy's aviation mission and warfighting capabilities.



The actual warfare device is a gold and silver metal showing the silver eagle and shield superimposed over gold aviation wings with a gold banner depicting aero maintenance.

Officers must have significant experience and display a high level of knowledge in all aspects of aviation warfare support, complete a PAMO personnel qualification standard and pass an oral board. Requirements include a minimum of 24 months at both an organizational and intermediate-level maintenance activity while assigned in an aviation maintenance officer billet and one operational deployment of at least 90 days.

Commander Naval Air Forces, Aircraft Maintenance Policy Officer is the final approval authority for all PAMO designators. To date, 365 officers have qualified to wear this new insignia.

The PAMO community is comprised of aerospace maintenance duty officers, aviation maintenance limited duty officers, and aviation maintenance chief warrant officers.

Complete eligibility requirements can be found in OPNAVINST. 1412.11.