

Navy Enlisted Aide FAQ's

1. Once I enter into the EA program, am I "locked" in forever?
Most Enlisted Aides will stay in the program because of job satisfaction and for other personal/professional reasons. You can request at anytime to be released back into general detailing. So the answer is no. You are not locked in forever.
2. Do EA's get extra points toward advancement scores?
The normal fleet wide advancement procedures and policies continue to apply to the Enlisted Aide community. Enlisted Aides do not get extra points towards the advancement.
3. Do I live in the private quarters with the family, what are my working hours?
Typically, when assigned to a General/Flag officer you will have an office in the quarters to work out of. You do not live in the quarters. Working hours vary based on the G/FO's requirements, but usually you will work a normal shift (0800-1700).
4. Do I cook and clean up after the family?
Enlisted Aides are authorized for the purpose of relieving General/Flag officers of those tasks and details that, if performed by the officer, would be at the expense of their primary military and official duties. Enlisted Aides *shall not* be used for duties that contribute solely to the personal benefit of the Flag officer or their family. *Reference: OPNAVINST 1306.3B*
5. Will I always work for the same Flag Officer (FO)?
An Enlisted Aide may volunteer to extend services for a General/Flag officer if his or her services are requested by that G/FO however; it is not mandatory to continue serving for that G/FO.
6. What are my expectations as far as travel, do I travel with the FO?
Enlisted Aides are required to travel with the G/FO if his or her support is requested by the G/FO. Yes you may be required to travel at any given time.
7. Do I also work for the spouse or family members of the FO?
The Enlisted Aides do not report to the Flag Officer's spouse for duty; however, a collaborative or consultative relationship may exist between them, as desired by the spouse, to ensure the standards and requirements detailed by the Flag Officer are satisfied. *Reference OPNAVINST 1306.3B*
8. What type of schools and training can I expect?
General/Flag officers are highly encouraged to send their Enlisted Aide through the Advanced Culinary Skills Course and the Enlisted Aide Training Course located at Fort Lee, VA if they have not attended those schools before being assigned by the EA Detailer.
9. Will I be able to pursue off duty education?
Enlisted Aides are required and expected to continue their personal and professional development while assigned to a G/FO. Yes you are highly encouraged to pursue your off duty education.
10. Is the FO the only one in my Chain of Command?
Enlisted Aides will utilize the appropriate Chain of Command when assigned to a G/FO. Typically your COC will be the Flag Aide, Aide-de-Camp, XO and then G/FO.

11. How do I become an Enlisted Aide?

Entry into the Enlisted Aide Program is voluntary. Volunteers will coordinate with their Command Career Counselor and the Enlisted Aide/Flag Mess Detailer for detailed instructions and requirements to apply for the program.