

Rating / Specialty	Years	Rating Notes	RRG	Add'l Notes
Except for the rating specialties introduced around 2006, none of the badges on this list are the "parrot" style eagle included on rating badges produced after late-1980s.	This guide covers CPO badges for years 1893-2008	Generally speaking, rating badge material preferences are: blue; white; khaki; green; gray. (excp: red chevrons on white duck and some Pharmacist's Mates)		#Any 1893 CPO specialty is an RRG-5
Aerographer	1923-42	Right Arm	3	
Aerographer's Mate	1942-	Left Arm	2	
Air Controlman / Controller	1948-		1	
Aircrew Survival Equipmentman	1965-	from Parachute Rigger	2	
Airship Rigger	1944-1948	very rare in CPO	5	wht matl desired
Apothecary	1894-1898	Caduceus CPO	5	
Avia. Antisub. Warfare Tech.	1963-1990		3	
Aviation Boatswain's Mate	1944-		1	
Aviation Carpenter's Mate	1918-40	Right Arm	3	
Aviation Electrician's Mate	1942-		2	
Aviation Electronics Tech. / Mate	1948-		2	
Aviation Electronicsman	1948-59		3	
Aviation Fire Control Tech.	1954-1990		2	
Aviation Guided Missileman	1954-60		4	
Aviation Machinist's Mate	1918-		1	
Aviation Maintenance Administration	1963-		2	
Aviation Metalsmith	1921-48	same as Av. Struct. Mechanic		
Aviation Ordnanceman	1926-		1	
Aviation Photographer's Mate	1948-53		4	
Aviation Pilot	1924-33	Right Arm	4	
Aviation Pilot	1942-48	Left Arm	3	
Aviation Quartermaster	1918-21	very rare in CPO	5	
Aviation Radioman / Technician	1942-48	same as Av. Electronicsman		
Aviation Rigger	1921-27	very rare in CPO	5	
Aviation Storekeeper	1948-2003	Storekeeper (V) 1945-48 RRG-4	2	
Aviation Structural Mechanic	1948-		2	
Aviation Support Equipment Tech.	1966-		2	
Aviation Utility	1926-1958	rating usage questioned, Stacey says no.	4	some usage?
Aviation Warfare Systems Operator	1994-	AntisubWarfareTech 1968-94	3	
Baker	1908-48	same as Ship's Cook		
Bandmaster	1894-1944	Musician Right Arm CPO thru 1940	3	
Boatswain's Mate	1894-1948	Right Arm CPO 1893-1905 RRG-4	2	
Boatswain's Mate	1948-	Left Arm	1	
Boilermaker	1894-1948	same as Machinist's Mate		
Boiler Technician	1976-95	Steam-no wrench	1	
Boilermaker / Boiler Technician	1956-77	Steam w/wrench	2	
Boilerman	1948-76	same as Boiler Technician		
Buglemaster	1927-40	Right Arm	4	
Buglemaster	1941-48	Left Arm	3	
Builder	1948-		1	
Carpenter's Mate	1894-1948	Right Arm Crossed Axes CPO	3	
Commissary Steward	1902-1940	Right Arm	3	
Commissary Steward	1940-1948	Left Arm	2	
Commissaryman	1948-74	same as Commissary Stew.		
Communications Technician	1948-76	same as Cryptologic Tech.		
Construction Battalion	1942-44	CB/diamond w/CB/C.B.	3	
Construction Electrician / Mate	1948-	CBs	2	
Construction Mechanic	1948-	CBs Mechanic 48-58	2	
Cryptologic Technician	1976-		3	

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Culinary Specialist	2004-	previous Mess Specialist	1	
Damage Controlman	1948-72	crossed ax and hammer	2	
Damage Controlman	1987-		1	
Data Processing Technician	1967-98	from Machine Accountant	1	
Data Systems Technician	1963-97	scarce in CPO	3	
Dental Technician	1948-2005		2	
Disbursing Clerk	1948-2005		2	
Draftsman	1948-61	same as Illustrator Draftsman		
Driver	1948-58	CBs bulldozer	2	
Electrician / Mate	1898-1940	Right Arm	3	
Electrician's Mate	1941-	Left Arm	1	
Electronic Warfare Technician	1971-2003		2	
Electronics Technician	1948-		1	
Engineering Aide	1961-		2	
Engineman	1917-30	Right Arm	3	
Engineman	1948-	gear	1	
Equipment Operator	1958-	bulldozer	2	
Explosive Ordnance Disposal	2006-	New Rating	1	
Fire Control Technician	1946-56	Radar mast	3	
Fire Controlman / Tech.	1921-85	Right Arm thru 1948-RRG 3	2	
Fire Controlman	1985-		1	
Gas Turbine System Technician	1978-	scarce in CPO	3	
Guided Missileman	1954-61	no wings	3	
Gun Captain	1902-1904	ultra rare	5	
Gunner's Mate	1894-	RArm thru 1948	2	RA RRG-3
Hospital Corpsman	1948-	Caduceus	2	Green-RRG-3
Hospital Steward	1898-1916	Red Cross CPO	5	
Hull Maintenance Tech.	1972-		1	
Illustrator / Draftsman	1948-		2	
Information Systems Tech.	1999-	"Sparks" from RM-DP-CTO	1	
Instrumentman	1948-99	from Special Artificer	2	
Intelligence Specialist	1975-	quill and magnifying glass	3	
Interior Communications Electrician	1948-		1	
Journalist	1948-2006		1	
Legalman	1973-		1	
Lithographer	1948-2006		2	
Machine Accountant	1948-67	same as Data Processing Tech.		
Machinery Repairman	1948-		1	
Machinist's Mate	1940-	propeller (Left Arm)	1	
Machinist's Mate	1894-1940	propeller (Right Arm) Machinist	3	
Mailman	1944-48	Circle-M cancellation stamp	4	
Mass Communications Specialist	2006-	Earth Globe & Sparks	1	
Master-At-Arms	1886-1893	1st Class Petty Officer**	5	
Master-At-Arms	1894-1921	Right Arm-Star CPO	4	
Master-At-Arms	1974-	Shield-star	1	
Mess Management Specialist	1975-2004	Renamed Culinary Spec	1	
Metalsmith	1927-59	same as Shipfitter		
Mineman	1944-44	Right Arm error rates	4	
Mineman	1944-	Left arm	2	
Missile Technician	1961-	Guided Missleman 1953-61	3	
Molder	1917-48	same as Shipfitter		
Molder	1948-97		2	
Motor Machinist's Mate	1942-48	propeller with "M O"	3	
Musician	1944-		2	

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Navy Counselor	1974-		2	
Navy Diver	2006-	Hard Hat Diving Helmet	1	
Nuclear Weaponsman	1957-61	bomb through atom ring	4	
Ocean Systems Tech.	1970-97		2	
Operations Specialist	1972-	from Radarman	1	
Opticalman	1948-99		2	
Parachute Rigger	1942-65	to Aircrew Surv. Equipmentman	3	
Patternmaker	1917-47	same as Carpenter's Mate		
Patternmaker	1948-97	carpenter's plane	2	
Personnelman / Specialist	1948-		1	
Pharmacist's Mate	1916-48	red cross	3	
Photographer	1921-40	box camera Right Arm	4	
Photographer's Mate	1941-48	box camera Left Arm	3	
Photographer's Mate	1948-94	light prism	3	
Photographer's Mate	1994-2006	chg'd to wing mark	3	
Photographic Intelligenceman	1958-75	light prism w/glagges	4	
Pipefitter	1948-58	crossed pipe wrenches	3	
Postal Clerk	1960-	cancellation stamp	2	
Printer	1916-1958	open book	3	
Quartermaster	1894-1948	Right Arm CPO	3	
Quartermaster	1948-		1	
Radarman	1942-47	sparks w/arrow	3	
Radarman	1947-72	same as operations spec.		
Radioman	1921-1940	Right Arm	3	
Radioman	1940-	sparks (into IS)	1	
Religious Program Specialist	1979-	globe and anchor	3	
Sailmaker's Mate (PO1)	1894-1939	No CPO grade, 1st Class PO**	3	RRG-5 in bullion
Shipfitter	1921-1948	sledgehammers RightArm 1921-40		
Shipfitter	1958-1972	crossed sledgehammers		
Ship's Cook	1896-1940	Right Arm	4	
Ship's Cook	1940-1948	Crescent Left Arm	3	
Ship's Serviceman	1944-		2	
Ship's Writer	1885-96	crossed quills	4	
Signalman	1921-48	Right Arm	2	
Signalman	1957-2004	Left Arm	1	
Sonarman / Sonar Technician	1944-		1	
Special Artficer	1944-48	same as Instrumentman		
Special Mechanic CPO	1917-21	same as Machinist's Mate		
Special Warfare Boat Operator	2006-	Flintlock-cutlass-anchor	1	
Special Warfare Operator	2006-	Trident-flintlock-anchor	1	
Specialist-A	1942-59	Athletic Instructor	2	
Specialist-B	1948-65	Master-at-Arms (Shore)48-54	3	
Specialist-C	1942-65	Classification Interviewer	3	
Specialist-E	1945-65	Rec. and Welfare; PT Inst. (1948-65)	3	
Specialist-F	1944-65	Fire Fighter	2	
Specialist-G	1942-48	Gunnery Instructor	3	
Specialist-H	1959-65	Harbor Def. Sonarman-no CPO?	5	usage?
Specialist-I	1942-48	IBM Operator; 48-65 Inst. Misc.	3	
Specialist-K	1948-74	Chemical Warfareman 1948-55	2	long usage
Specialist-M	1942-65	Mail Clerk; Underwater Mech.	3	
Specialist-O	1942-48	Inspector of Naval Material	4	
Specialist-P	1942-48	Photographer	3	
Specialist-Q	1943-48	Communications Specialist	4	

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Specialist-R	1942-65	Recruiter; Transportationman 48-65	3	
Specialist-S	1942-54	Shore Patrol; (MAA-WAVES)	4	
Specialist-T	1942-57	Instructor/Teacher	3	
Specialist-U	1948-65	Booker (Motion Picture Service)	3	
Specialist-U	1943-48	Utility-Stewardess (V-10)	4	WAVES
Specialist-V	1943-62	Transport Airman; Avia. Pilot	4	
Specialist-W	1942-65	Chaplain's Assistant	2	
Specialist-X	1943-61	Spec. not elsewhere classified*	4	*long list
Specialist-Y	1943-48	Control Tower Operator	4	
SteelWorker	1948-	CB rate	2	
Steward - 1st design	1944-63	resent moon-same as Ship's Cook		
Steward - 2nd design	1963-75	book-quill-key	2	
Storekeeper	1916-1940	Right Arm	3	
Storekeeper	1940-	crossed keys	1	
Storekeeper "V"	1945-48	crossed keys w/wings	3	
Surveyor	1948-61	same as Engineering Aide		
Teleman	1948-56	cancel. stamp-quill-L.bolt	3	
Torpedoman / Mate	1921-48	Right Arm	2	
Torpedoman's Mate	1948-	Left arm	1	
Tradevman	1948-88	gear and lighting bolt	2	
Turret Captain	1903-48	gun turret-Right Arm	3	
Underwater Mechanic	1948-48	likely never implemented	5	
Utilitiesman	1948-	CB-water/oil valve	2	
Water Tender	1885-1948	same as Machinist's Mate		
Weapons Technician	1987-94	Trident-bomb-lighting	3	
Yeoman	1916-1940	Right Arm crossed quills	3	
Yeoman	1940-	Left Arm crossed quills	1	
Yeoman	1894-1916	crossed keys same as S.,keeper	3	
**all badges listed, except Sailmaker's Mate and earliest Master at Arms are Chief Petty Officer rating badges.		*Specialty Marks done in bullion on blue are generally more valuable.		
RRG Scale: 1=Most Common; 2=Less Common; 3=Scarce; 4=Difficult; 5=Very Difficult		*Note that the Navy changed specialty titles (rating names) over the years, but retained the old "mark" or shared the "mark" with other specialty titles in the same time period. For job title in the Specialist/ESR ratings, in most cases I have used the earliest use job title.		The main criteria used in this chart is how difficult is it to obtain a CPO badge for your collection.