LDO 646X (OCEANOGRAPHY)

DESIGNATOR DESCRIPTION

Meteorology/Oceanography Limited Duty Officers are technical managers, providing meteorological and oceanographic support for fleet operations, planning and directing various activities within the Naval Oceanography Command; training military and civilian personnel in the use and operational maintenance of meteorological and oceanographic equipment; training and supervising Navy weather observers and forecasters; performing regional coordination for operational and administrative matters within Naval Oceanography Command areas of responsibility.

They may serve as, but are not limited only to serving as, ship meteorologist/oceanographer, officer-in-charge of CNMOC detachments, command duty officers, ship routing officers, and forecast duty officers at various operational and staff billets.

They can also compete to off-ramp into 1800 Oceanography restricted line community before promotion to LCDR, ideally at 6-8 YCS, or retire as a 6460 LDO at 10 YCS. Those 6460 LDO's off-ramping to 1800 Oceanography who qualify for Naval Post-Graduate school will be given an opportunity to complete their 6401 P-code and LCDR at-sea milestone tours prior to competing for CDR and subsequent CDR Command screening opportunities.

YRS COMM SVC	SEA	CAREER PATTERN	SHORE
30		*** OCEANO Restricted Line Career Path ***	
CAPT		Shore Major Command	
		Screen Major Command	
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CDR	*** OCEANO Restricted Line Career Path ***		*** OCEANO Restricted Line Career Path ***
			Commander Command
			TYCOM / Joint / OPNAV / XO
	Fleet Oceanographer		IDC Cross Detailing
			Screen CDR Command
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MS Degree	*** OCEANO Restricted Line Career Path ***		*** OCEANO Restricted Line Career Path ***
LCDR			TYCOM / Joint / OPNAV
	CSG Staff / NSW CFT		FWC / FNMOC / ASW / MIW / ISR
	CVN OA / LHA/D OA / FST		IDC Cross Detailing
			Naval Post-Graduate School
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BS Degree	Off-ramp to 1800 (OCEANO) -or- Retire		Off-ramp to 1800 (OCEANO) -or- Retire
LT	NOAD OIC		FWC Dept Head / Operations
	NSW Operations		ASW OIC / AVN OIC / NSW OIC
	ASW Operations		PEO / FNMOC / Pentagon / ISR
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LTJG AQD: GCO	NSW Operations		FWC Training / CDO / Operations
2	Fleet Survey Team		FNMOC / ASW / MIW
ENS	ASW / MIW Operations		
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