

USN deck crew details

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Now that there are a few kits which contain either crew figures and or equipment, in 1/144, 1/72, 1/48 scales building a diorama is a lot better.

If you wish to make something at a Naval air station, carefully remove head from a figure that has a cranile. (Generally without goggles). And place it on one of the Hasagawa "Ground crew" figures. For a USMC diorama simply use the last tip, and paint the uniform in a camouflage pattern.

Flight deck crew uniform details see charts.

NOTE: Information that didnt fit chart format is listed below.

In regards to the L.S.O., just about anything goes with these guys, as far as markings are concerned. They can be as simple as LSO, to having plane siloetes, sqd, patches, in some cases jerseys have been decorated with "Fore Feathers" style artwork. Mostly in one color, black.

BILLET TITLE: An official position of rank and duties.

"CRANIALS": Are the helmets worn by any one on deck while flight operations are on. All the markings (stripes, squares, numbers, letters, etc.) are made with 2" wide reflective tape. Color of tape ranges from white, orange, yellow, silver etc. Markings however, are so varied that one must use photos as a guide. This is because the crew have individual indentification markings.

Squadron number stenciled in small to medium sized letters on back between shoulders in ether black or white. Billet and rank insignias are sown or screened on their upper left sleeve of colored shirt or jacket.

Shoes are the G.I. style. Can be either the shoe or boot type, and are black.

Slacks range from "Blue denim", tan, olive drab. Slacks colors can be mixed with any of the shirt, jersey, helmet combonation. Some of the non com's will wear long or short tube socks on the out side of their pants.

When there are no flights for a day or so, or when the ship is in port, crews may ware simple tee-shirt, or go bare back. However cranials are almost always worn, (for obvious reasons.

HELMET	JERSEY	SHIRT	HARRINGS OR LETTERING ON JERSEY	SIZE OF LETTERS	COLOR OF LETTERS	JOB DESCRIPTION
YEL	YEL	YEL	ASST. FLT. DK. CHIEF	LARGE	BLK	AIRCRAFT HANDLING OFFICERS & PLANE DIRECTORS
YEL	YEL	YEL	U1 - 5 FLY 1,2,3,4 PO	LG. & MED COMBO	BLK	
YEL	YEL	GRN	DIRECTOR 14	MED	BLK	CATAPULT & ARRESTING GEAR OFFICERS
GRN	YEL	YEL	L.C.O.	MED./LARG.	BLK	LAUNCH CONTROL OFFICER
GRN	YEL	GRN	CAT & A.G. OFFICER	MED	BLK	CATAPULT & ARRESTING GEAR OFFICERS
GRN	YEL	GRN	CATAPULT OFFICER BOW CAT./WAIST CAT. CAT. CAPT. #1,2,3,4	MED MED	BLK BLK	SELF EXPLANATORY
GRN	GRN	GRN	UM CAT OFFICER # CREWMAN'S NAME & SQUADRON #	SM. & MED COMBO	BLK	SELF EXPLANATORY
GRN	GRN	GRN	MAY HAVE CAT # NOT ALWAYS	MED	BLK	HOOK RELEASEMAN
GRN	GRN	GRN	A	LARGE	YEL	ARRESTING GEAR
GRN	GRN	GRN	C	SM TO MED	WHT OR BLK	CATAPULT CREW
GRN	GRN	GRN	P	MED TO LRG	WHT	PHOTOGRAPHERS
GRN	GRN	GRN	BLACK STRIPE & SQUADRON DESIGNATOR, SOMETIMES "MAIN-CPO"	LRG STRIPE SM SQUAD #	BLK	MAINTENANCE CREWS
RED	GRN	GRN	H	MED	WHT OR BLK	HELICOPTER CREWMAN
RED	BRN	BRN	H	MED	WHT OR BLK	HELICOPTER PLANE CAPTAIN
BRN	BRN	BRN	SQUADRON DESIGNATOR	LARGE		PLANE CAPTAINS

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GRN	BRN	BRN	SQUADRON DESIGNATOR & "LINE CPO"	MED. & LG. COMBO	BLK GENERALLY	LINE MEN (CLEAN & TIE DOWN AC)
GRN	BRN	GRN	LINE C.P.O.	MED. & LG. COMBO	BLK	LINE MEN (CLEAN & TIE DOWN AC)
PURPLE	PURPLE	PURPLE	G SOMETIMES	LARGE WHEN SEEN	WHT OR BLK	AVIATION FUELS
RED	RED	RED	R	LARGE	BLK	REPAIR PARTIES & FIRE FIGHTERS
RED	RED	BLUE	R & STRIPE	MED	BLK	FIRE & CRASH TRUCK DRIVERS
RED	RED	RED	STRIPE & SQUAD DESIGNATOR	MED & (SM FOR SQUAD DESIGNATOR)	BLK OR WHT	ORDNANCEMAN: LOAD BOMBS, AMMO, ETC.
RED	RED	RED	A	LARGE	YEL OR WHT	ORDNANCEMAN: ARM WEAPONS, INSTALL FUSES, ETC. INSPECT.
WHT	BLUE	BLUE	E	MED	WHT	ELEVATOR OPERATORS & MESSENGERS/TELEPHONE TALKERS
BLUE	BLUE	BLUE	CREW NUMBER	SM & MED	VARIES	AC HANDLING CREW & CHOCKMAN
BLUE	BLUE	BLUE	T	MED	WHT	TRACTOR DRIVER
WHT	WHT	WHT	ATO	SMALL	BLK	AIRCRAFT TRANSFER OFFICER
WHT	WHT	GRN	ATO	SMALL	BLK	AIRCRAFT SUPERVISE LOADING & UNLOADING OF COD AC
GRN	WHT	WHT	CHECKERBOARD PATTERN & SQUAD DESIGNATOR A.S.O.	SM A.S.O.	BLK & WHT BLK	SQUADRON PLANE INSPECTOR/ AVIATION SAFETY OFFICER
WHT	WHT	WHT	CROSS	LARGE	RED	MEDICAL
BLK/WHT CHECK.	WHT	WHT	VERTICAL STRIPE (USUALLY ONE)	LARGE	BLK	INSPECT PLANES COMING UP TO THE CATS FOR LAUNCH
SELDOM	WHT	WHT	SQUAD.# & LSO	LARGE	BLK	LANDING SIGNAL OFFICER