

# FIRE TECHNICIAN AND GUNNERSMATES



*Gunner's Mate (GM).* Gunner's mates are assigned to all fighting ships. In battle they may be at guns or in magazines to supervise ammunition handling. The gunner's mate is responsible for operation and maintenance of guns, rocket launchers, and mounts; he or she maintains and stows ammunition, projectiles, powder bags, fuzes, rockets, bombs, and pyrotechnics. He or she repairs and maintains recoil mechanisms, bearings, breech mechanisms, firing attachments, loading mechanisms, and hoists. He or she inspects magazines for proper temperature, and tests powder, and acts as demolition expert in placing and firing explosives.

*Fire Control Technician (FT).* Fire control technicians operate, repair, and perform maintenance on fire control equipment including computers, fire control radars, directors, switchboards, control components of ordnance power drives, and associated units aboard Coast Guard vessels. They conduct operational tests and alignment checks. They must possess general knowledge of ordnance equipment, ammunition, and magazines.

