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CNATRA INSTRUCTION 1301.4F

Subj: APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE
NAVY FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION SQUADRON

Encl: (1) Application Procedures

1. Purpose. To provide the basic requirements and application procedures for officers seeking selection to the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (NAVFLIGHTDEMRON).
2. Cancellation. CNATRAINST 1301.4E
3. Background. Each year several officers complete their tours with the NAVFLIGHTDEMRON. Replacements are selected through an application and screening process conducted by the current team in conjunction with the Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA).
4. Action. Enclosure (1) sets forth the requirements and application procedures which will be used to select team members.
5. Form. CNATRA 1331/1 may be obtained directly from NAVFLIGHTDEMRON or printed out from CNATRA'S Web site.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Requirements for Officer Applicants

a. 1,250 Tactical jet flight hours by 30 September of the year applying (Demonstration Pilots). (R)

b. Events Coordinator must be a Naval Flight Officer from any warfare community with 1,250 total flight hours. (R)

c. Transport Plane Commander Qualified and 1,200 total flight hours (U.S. Marine Corps C-130 Pilots).

d. Regular Navy or Marine Corps Officer.

e. Carrier Qualified (Demonstration Pilots).

f. Flight Surgeon applicants must be qualified Naval Flight Surgeons and be on or have completed a tour as a Naval Flight Surgeon.

g. Maintenance Officer applicants must be designated Aviation Maintenance Officers (1520/633X/638X) (LCDR, LT, CW04) and be on or have completed an operational fleet tour.

h. Administrative Officer applicants must be qualified, designated LDO/CWO Admin Officers (641X/741X) (LT, CW03, CW04) and be on or have completed an operational fleet tour.

i. Supply Officer applicants must be designated Naval Aviation Supply Officers (651X/310X) (LT) and be on or have completed an operational fleet tour.

j. Public Affairs Officer will be designated a Navy or Marine Corps Public Affairs Officer (165X or USMC MOS 4302). (R)

k. Career-oriented officer.

l. Applicants preferred to be rotating from sea duty or have been on shore duty for less than 12 months.

2. Selection process. In January, NAVFLIGHTDEMROK will release a media notice indicating the number of openings available for the following season. This notice outlines selection criteria, basic requirements and points of contact.

a. Individuals wishing to apply should submit a letter to the Commanding Officer, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, or call DSN: 922-2583, requesting a formal application, CNATRA 1331/1. The form is also available on CNATRA'S Web site.

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b. When an individual's request is received, a formal application (CNATRA 1331/1) will be sent to the individual along with other information concerning current team members, air show schedule and applicant procedures. A request for consideration letter, CNATRA 1331/1, full length photograph and current Commanding Officer's endorsement should be completed and returned as soon as possible, but not later than 30 April. Letters of endorsement/recommendations from persons other than the Commanding Officer are encouraged and will be made a part of an applicant's file jacket. Information copies of request for consideration letter should be sent to CNATRA, and Commander, Navy Personnel Command (COMNAVPERSCOM) (Code 433B) or, for the Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) (Code AA) and detailer or monitor. A sample letter is provided at the end of the enclosure (1).

c. An individual is considered an active applicant once his/her initial request for consideration is received by the NAVFLIGHTDEMRO. At this point, all active applicants are cordially invited to attend any pre-show briefing during the normal season and attend social functions sponsored by air show sponsors. This will give prospective members a better insight into the overall routine of the NAVFLIGHTDEMRO.

d. It is the responsibility of the NAVFLIGHTDEMRO Applicants Officer to gather all information on prospective members which should include the following as a minimum:

- (1) Request for consideration
- (2) Commanding Officer's endorsement
- (3) CNATRA 1331/1 (with full length official photograph)
- (4) Review by COMNAVPERSCOM or CMC to approve eligibility
- (5) CNATRA Readout (CNATRA 1542/95) ATJ Summary

e. Applicant finalists. Once this information has been compiled on all active applicants, the Applicants Officer shall establish a schedule for finalist selection. This will be completed no later than 30 June; all applicants will be notified of the finalist selectees. Temporary additional duty (TAD) orders will be issued by NAVFLIGHTDEMRO for applicant finalists to travel to Pensacola for approximately three days of formal interviews by the Commanding Officer and current team officers. This interview process will occur in July, to be completed by 31 July. Every effort should be made to complete the selection process no later than 15 August. Names of the selectees will be submitted to CNATRA for final approval prior to public notification.

f. Selectees for Demonstration Pilots/Events Coordinator will, when notified of selection, be required to remain on active duty for a period of two years following their tour with NAVFLIGHTDEMRO. Permanent change of station (PCS) orders will contain this requirement.

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g. PCS orders will be issued by Navy Personnel Command (NPC) to selectees with a detaching date from their present command of August/September. Selectees must report to Pensacola, FL no later than 1 October in order to travel with the team during the remaining shows. Flight qualifications should be current prior to detaching from the present command. If not F/A-18 NATOPS qualified, PCS orders will be written to include TAD en route for transition training at VFA-106, Naval Air Station, Oceana. This training will be five weeks long, beginning in early August.

3. Commanding Officer/Flight Leader Selections. Officers interested in the position of Commanding Officer/Flight Leader must submit requests for consideration via their immediate reporting senior to CNATRA with information copies to the Commanding Officer, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, and the Commander, Navy Personnel Command (Code 433B). Applications should be received no later than 30 April. Flight Leader applicants must have 3000 flight hours and be in command, or have had command of a tactical jet squadron. Tentative selection is made by CNATRA, with final approval by the Director, Air Warfare Division (N88).

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(SAMPLE REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION LETTER)

(Date)

From:

To: Commanding Officer, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron

Via: Your current commanding officer or reporting senior

Subj: APPLICATION FOR NAVY FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION TEAM

Ref: (a) CNATRAINST 1301.4F

Encl: (1) CNATRA 1331/1
(2) Full Length Photograph

1. I respectfully request that I be considered as an applicant for selection for the 20__ Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron.

2. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

Very respectfully,

Copy to (w/o encl):

CNATRA (N3)

COMNAVPERSCOM (NPC-433B) or CMC (Code AA)

Your detailer or monitor