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CNATRA INSTRUCTION 1301.4H

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

Encl: (1) Application Procedures
(2) Sample Application Letter
(3) Sample Endorsement Letter

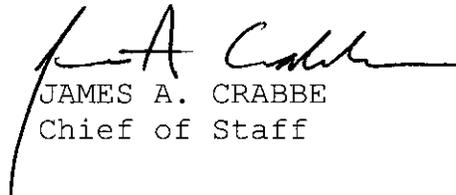
1. Purpose. To provide the basic requirements and application procedures for officers seeking selection to the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels).

2. Cancellation. CNATRAINST 1301.4G

3. Background. Each year several officers complete their tours with the Blue Angels. 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 the Commanding Officer, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron will use to select team members.

5. CNATRA form 1331/1 may be obtained from CNATRA's website or Blue Angels' website at www.blueangels.navy.mil.


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APPLICATION PROCEDURES1. Requirements for officer applicants

a. Demonstration pilots must be carrier qualified, have 1,250 tactical jet flight hours by 30 September of the year applying, and have completed an operational fleet tour.

b. Events Coordinator applicants must be a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) from any warfare community that has completed an operational fleet tour. NFOs are also encouraged to apply for the Public Affairs Officer (PAO) position listed below.

c. U.S. Marine Corps C-130 pilot applicants must be Transport Plane Commander qualified and have 1,200 total flight hours.

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

e. Maintenance Officer applicants must be designated Aviation Maintenance Officers (LCDR 152X/LT 633X/CWO3-4 734X) and be on, or have completed, an operational fleet tour. The Maintenance Officer will be selected 15 months prior to their report date due to community manning requirements.

f. Administrative Officer applicants must be qualified LDO/CWO Administrative Officers (LT 641X/CWO3-4 741X) and be on, or have completed, an operational fleet tour. The Administrative Officer will be selected 15 months prior to their report date due to community manning requirements.

g. Supply Officer applicants must be designated Naval Aviation Supply Officers (LT 651X/CWO3-4 751X/LT 310X) and be on, or have completed, an operational fleet tour.

h. PAO applicants will be designated Navy or Marine Corps PAOs (LT-LCDR 165X/USMC CAPT-MAJ MOS 4302) or post operational tour NFOs. The PAO will be selected 15 months prior to their report date due to community manning requirements.

i. Be a career-oriented Navy or Marine Corps Officer.

2. Selection Process. No later than 31 October, the Blue Angels will submit a NAVADMIN up the chain of command indicating the number of openings available for the following season. This NAVADMIN will be released by early January.

a. **ALL APPLICANTS SHALL CONTACT THEIR DETAILER OR MONITOR** prior to applying to discuss their intent to apply to the Blue Angels, and must submit copies of their application to their detailer or monitor at Commander, Navy Personnel Command (N433B) or Headquarters Marine Corps (MMA-2).

b. Individuals applying must indicate their intentions by:

(1) Sending an email to the Applicants Officer; the email address is found on the NAVADMIN;

(2) Calling the Applicants Officer at 760-339-2658/DSN 658 while the team is in El Centro from January to mid-March or after the team's return to Pensacola from mid-March until the deadline at 850-452-2583 ext. 3116/DSN 922 or;

(3) Submitting an Application for consideration and their Commanding Officer's endorsement to the Applicants Officer, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron. Sample application request and first endorsement letters are listed as enclosures (2) and (3) of this instruction.

c. Initial documentation required for an applicant is the individual's Request for Consideration and Commanding Officer's endorsement. To complete the application, an official 4x5" full-length photograph, CNATRA Form 1331/1, and Fact Sheet should be sent to the Applicants Officer no later than 30 April. The CNATRA Form 1331/1 and Fact Sheet are found on the Blue Angels' website, www.blueangels.navy.mil, under the "How To Apply" tab. Letters of recommendation from persons other than the Commanding Officer are encouraged and will be made a part of the applicant's file jacket.

d. An individual is considered an active applicant once their initial Request for Consideration and Commanding Officer's endorsement are received by the Blue Angels Applicants Officer. 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 Blue Angels and allow team members to meet the applicants.

e. It is the responsibility of the Blue Angels Applicants Officer to gather all information on applicants, which should include the following as a minimum:

- (1) Request for consideration;
- (2) Commanding Officer's endorsement;
- (3) CNATRA form 1331/1 (with 4x5" full-length official photograph);
- (4) Review by COMNAVPERSCOM to approve eligibility;
- (5) CNATRA Readout (CNATRA form 1542/95) ATJ Summary.

f. Once the 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 their selection as a finalist. Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) orders will be issued by the Blue Angels 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 and every effort shall 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.

g. Selectees for Demonstration Pilots and the Events Coordinator will, when notified of selection, be required to remain on active duty for a period of two years following their tour with the Blue Angels. Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders will contain this requirement.

h. PCS orders will be issued by Navy Personnel Command (NPC) or Headquarters, Marine Corps to selectees with a detaching date from their present command of August/September. New team members will report to Pensacola, FL in mid-September on a date provided to them by the Blue Angels to travel with the team during the remainder of the air show season. Flight

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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 the nearest Fleet Replacement Squadron. This training will be approximately five weeks long, beginning in early August.

3. Commanding Officer/Flight Leader Selection. 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 March, with interviews being held in April. Flight leader applicants should have 3,000 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 Commander, Naval Air Forces.

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(Date)

From: Applicant's Rank, Name, Branch of Service
To: Commanding Officer, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron
Via: Current Commanding Officer

Subj: APPLICATION FOR NAVY FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION SQUADRON

Ref: (a) CNATRAINST 1301.4H

Encl: (1) CNATRA 1331/1
(2) 4x5" Full-length Official Photograph

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

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

Applicant's signature

Enclosure (2)

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(Date)

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Rank First M. Last, USN, last four/131X ltr
of date

From: Commanding Officer, (Current Command)
To: Commanding Officer, Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron

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1. Forwarded with my strongest possible recommendation for
selection...

Commanding Officer's signature

Sample

Enclosure (3)