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SUBJ/OFFICER AND ENLISTED APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED BY NAVY FLIGHT  
DEMONSTRATION SQUADRON (BLUE ANGELS) FOR 2019//

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NARR/REF A IS CNATRAINST 1301.4M, OFFICER APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE BLUE  
ANGELS.//

RMKS/1. The United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (NFDS) Blue Angels will select one executive officer (XO), three F/A-18 demonstration pilots (both Navy and Marine Corps pilots are encouraged to apply), one naval flight officer for the NFDS Events Coordinator for the 2019-2020 show seasons (both Navy and Marine Corps officers are encouraged to apply), one Marine Corps C-130 demonstration pilot for the 2019-2021 show seasons, one naval flight surgeon for the 2019-2020 show seasons, one administrative officer and one supply officer for the 2019-2020 show seasons. XO candidates should submit applications in line with reference (a) no later than 28 February 2018. All other officers should submit applications in line with reference (a) no later than 30 April 2018. All applicants shall contact their detailer/monitor prior to applying to ensure adequate timing to complete a 2 or 3 year tour without impacting career milestones. Manpower Management Officer Assignments (MMOA) will release a separate MARADMIN that outlines Marine applicant eligibility requirements. Final selections for XO will be made in May 2018 and July 2018 for other officer applicants.

2. Applicants should be career oriented, active-duty Navy and Marine Corps officers with the following specific qualifications:

a. XO applicants must be a naval aviator or naval flight officer with the rank of commander. They should have 1,750 flight hours with a background in carrier aviation.

b. F/A-18 demonstration pilot applicants must be carrier qualified tactical jet pilots with approximately 1,250 hours of jet flight time by 30 September of the year applying and have completed an operational fleet tour.

c. Events coordinator applicants must be a naval flight officer and must have completed an operational fleet tour.

d. Marine Corps C-130 demonstration pilot applicants must have 1,200 hours of flight time and hold an aircraft commander rating in the C-130F/R/T/J model aircraft.

e. Flight surgeon applicants must be qualified naval flight surgeons and be on, or have completed, a tour as a naval flight surgeon.

f. Administrative officer applicants must be qualified limited duty officer/chief warrant officer administrative officers (641X/741X),

(LCDR/LT/LTJG/CWO4/CWO3) and be on, or have completed an operational fleet tour.

g. Supply Officer applicants must be designated as naval aviation supply officers (651x/310x) (LT/CWO3) and be on, or have completed an operational fleet tour.

3. Selectees will be approved by Bureau of Naval Personnel/MMOA prior to public notification. Navy/Marine Corps pilots will be required to remain on active-duty for two years following completion of their assignment with the Blue Angels.

4. Reference (a), delineates application procedures.

a. All applications submitted via mail through 1 March 2018 should be sent to:

Commanding Officer  
Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron  
Attn LT Damon Kroes  
PO Box 760  
Seeley CA 92273-0760

b. Applications being submitted from 2 March 2018 through 30 April 2018 should be sent to:

Commanding Officer  
Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron  
Attn LT Damon Kroes  
390 San Carlos Road Suite A  
Pensacola FL 32508-5508

c. Applications may also be delivered in person beginning 19 March 2018.

5. For additional information, visit the Blue Angels website at [www.blueangels.navy.mil](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil) or contact the Blue Angels Applicants Officer, LT Damon Kroes, in Pensacola, FL, at (850)452-4650/DSN 922, or in El Centro, CA, (January thru mid-March) at (760)339-2509/DSN 645 or via email at [damon.kroes@navy.mil](mailto:damon.kroes@navy.mil).

6. This NAVADMIN also announces requirements and solicits enlisted applications. Applications must be postmarked no later than 1 May 2018. Selection results will be available no later than June 2018. Personnel with a projected rotation date of November 2018 through April 2019 are eligible, but others may apply with command and detailee approval. Personnel selected will detach from their present command in September 2018 and report in early October 2018.

7. Open E5/E6 billets within the following Navy ratings are eligible: AD, AM, AME, AE, AT, AS, AZ, PR, MC, LS, YN, PS, NC and HM (Navy Enlisted Classification 8406). Additionally, applications for chief petty officer billets in the MMCPO (8300), AE, AD and AM rates are being accepted. Platform specific experience is not a requirement to apply.

8. Personnel selected for this unique and demanding duty represent the hundreds of thousands of Sailors and Marines serving throughout the United States and abroad. Applicants must meet the requirements listed below to be considered for duty with the Blue Angels (waivers are not normally considered).

a. Must not be in receipt of permanent change of station orders before final selections are made in June 2018.

b. No non-judicial punishment or courts-martial convictions in the last 36 months.

c. No alcohol-related incidents (civil or military) in the last 36 months. Driving under the influence/driving while intoxicated convictions within the last 5 years are disqualifying.

d. No financial instability/command directed counseling in the last 36 months. Applicants must be eligible for a government credit card (this is not waivable).

e. No physical fitness assessment failures in the last 36 months. Personnel who have had medical waivers in the last 24 months will be considered on a case-by-case basis only.

f. Visible tattoos while wearing the enlisted service uniform must be in compliance with uniform regulations.

g. Must possess a valid and current license to drive.

h. Re-enlistment approval is not required to submit an application.

9. Interested candidates meeting the above requirements must first submit a fully completed Enlisted Personnel Action Request (NAVPERS 1306/7) and Special Program Screening Form (NAVPERS 1306/92) as directed in MILPERSMAN 1306-919 to their respective rating detailer via their commanding officer. After submission of NAVPERS 1306/7 and NAVPERS 1306/92 to their detailer, applicants must submit an application to NFDS using the following criteria (ensure all telephone numbers, mailing address and e-mail addresses are included):

a. Commanding officer signed letter of endorsement on command letterhead, which must include a statement on military appearance and tattoos, an evaluation of the speaking ability of the member, the demeanor of the member, professional knowledge and leadership skills.

b. Copy of NAVPERS 1306/7.

c. Original NAVPERS 1306/92.

d. Include copies of last five evaluations.

e. Provide official 5 x 7 inch photograph (front, side, back) in enlisted service uniform uncovered (Service Khaki for E7-E9 applicants).

f. Common application errors include lack of detailed contact information, unsigned NAVPERS 1306/7 and NAVPERS 1306/92, NAVPERS1306/7 not sent to the detailer, no commanding officer endorsement, missing evaluations, photos not included, packages sent to the detailer rather than the NFDS and earliest and latest transfer dates not filled out in remarks section NAVPERS 1306/7.

10. Enlisted Applications may be sent via e-mail to michael.w.gallaway (at)navy.mil or by mail to:

Commanding Officer  
Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron  
Attn AZC(AW) Michael Gallaway  
390 San Carlos Road Suite A  
Pensacola FL 32508-5508

11. The medical record of the applicant will be reviewed during the application process.

12. Candidates should call the NFDS 2 weeks after mailing their application to verify receipt and to schedule an interview. All personnel currently stationed in the continental United States, including those who may be deployed but will return prior to final selections are highly encouraged to interview in person, but not required. Funding for travel is provided by the member or their parent command. NFDS does not provide funding for interviews. Personnel permanently assigned outside the continental United

States (including Hawaii and Alaska), or while deployed, will interview via telephone. Personal interviews are conducted at Naval Air Facility El Centro, CA, from January to March. Interviews are conducted at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL, or any show site from mid-March through May. Last week to interview will be 8-12 May 2018.

13. Those individuals not selected will be afforded the opportunity of two Career Management System Interactive Detailing (CMS-ID) applications.

14. Point of contact is AZC(AW) Michael Gallaway at (760)339-2434/DSN 658, from 3 January 2018 to 14 March 2018, at (850) 452-3478/DSN 922, after 15 March 2018, or via e-mail at michael.w.gallaway(at)navy.mil. For further information, visit the Blue Angels website at [www.blueangels.navy.mil](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil).

15. This NAVADMIN will remain in effect until superseded or canceled.

16. Released by Vice Admiral R. P. Burke, N1.//

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