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Thanks for your interest in the 2016 team! Your application process will start with your phone call, e-mail, or letter to me, the applicant's officer. The following forms can be found and are available for download on the official Blue Angels website: www.blueangels.navy.mil:

1. CNATRAINST 1301.4L
2. CNATRA Form 1331/1 (NEW FORM IN 2014)
3. 2015 Blue Angels Demonstration Schedule

CNATRAINST 1301.4L outlines the procedures and forms required of you to follow and complete. Please ensure you complete all the forms in their entirety to include a full-length official military photograph (khakis/charlies). The two forms required to be in my possession prior to attending your first brief are the "Request for Consideration" letter and your Commanding Officer's endorsement. Any additional letters of recommendation (i.e. Ex COs or Ex Blue Angels) will compliment your package. We must receive your completed package by 30 April 2016. Endorsements or recommendations can be added at any time. Of note, the 1331/1 is new and the fact sheet has been removed effective this year. If you are unsure of anything, please ask!

Air shows provide excellent opportunities for you to introduce yourself to the team and become familiar with our routine. It also gives us the chance to get to know you in both a professional and social atmosphere. During the show season, I will email all applicants our schedule of events for the upcoming weekend. Prior to attending a show, please notify me via phone or e-mail NLT the Wednesday before the show so that I may get an estimate of who is coming. The first brief you may attend will be on Friday, March 18th, in Palmdale, CA at the LA County Air Show. You may always arrive at an air show unannounced as long as I have first received a "Request for Consideration" letter and your CO's letter of endorsement. The last air show applicants may attend will be in Smyrna, TN on 04-05 June.

There are many misconceptions and rumors concerning the application process. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions. In general, we are looking for outstanding Navy and Marine Corps officers who can speak publicly, handle difficult situations, and receive constructive criticism in a team environment. It is paramount we represent the Navy, Marine Corps, and our country in the best light. Please keep in mind we are not trying to put you under a microscope and all of us have been through the same process. Above all, relax, have fun, and enjoy the application process!

Mail items to: 23 JAN 14 - 10 MAR 14:
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Thank you again for your interest in the Blue Angels and we look forward to meeting you!

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