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SUBJ/NOTICE OF CONVENING FISCAL YEAR 2026 TEST PILOT SCHOOL SELECTION
BOARD #2//

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AMPN/REF A IS BUPERSINST 1500.62E, TEST PILOT SCHOOLS//

RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN announces the convening of the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS) Selection Board #2 on 19 June 2025. This board will select highly-qualified Naval Aviators and Naval Flight Officers (NFO) for USNTPS. It will also select one fixed-wing pilot for U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and one rotary-wing pilot for Empire Test Pilot School (ETPS). ETPS graduates have significant and long-lasting influence on platforms and systems that directly impact the future warfighting capability of the Fleet. Request command and Fleet community assistance to identify candidates with strong operational performance and, ideally, strong academic backgrounds in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics fields of study.

2. To be eligible for board consideration, a signed and command-endorsed application in line with reference (a), must be received by MyNavy Career Center (MNCC) no later than 8 May 2025. Applicants are encouraged to review reference (a) in detail to ensure their package complies with application guidelines. Applicants with missing required information may be removed from consideration.

Additional documentation (including Wing/CAG endorsements, letters of recommendation, Fitness Reports (FITREP), etc.) will be accepted until 5 June 2025, but must be submitted by the applicant as a letter to the board, in line with subparagraph 4a below. The application must include e-mail address(es), phone number(s), college transcripts, Anthropometric Data Measurement Record, a current Physical Readiness Test and Body Composition Detail Report from Physical Readiness Information Management System, last FITREP, service agreement, and post-TPS test squadron assignment preferences.

Current contact information (ashore/afloat email and phone) of the Commanding Officer must be included to expedite notification, if selected.

3. Typical post-TPS assignments for graduates are listed below, but are subject to change and vary board to board. Post-TPS assignments are typically finalized halfway through the TPS course of instruction.

- a. VX-20: VP, VQ, VAW, VRC
- b. HX-21: All Helo, VRM
- c. VX-23/VX-31: VFA, VAQ
- d. VX-30: VP, VAW, VAQ
- e. UX-24: All communities

4. Command Endorsement:

a. The command endorsement must explicitly state whether the applicant, if selected, will be allowed and available to report for aircraft pre-arrival training by the following dates:

- (1) 1 August 2025 for fixed-wing pilots and tilt-rotor pilots
- (2) 1 October 2025 for rotary-wing
- (3) 1 November 2025 for NFO

b. Applicants with endorsements but availability dates that fall after these pre-arrival training dates may be removed from consideration and not reviewed by the board. Inability for the applicant to meet the above dates may be mitigated by conducting initial training in a Temporary Additional Duty (TEMADD) status at the expense of the endorsing command. If this is required, it must be explicitly stated in the command endorsement that the endorsing command will provide TEMADD funds until the applicant can officially detach. If the applicant has official change of duty orders and is projected to transfer prior to the board convening date of 19 June 2025, a gaining command endorsement is required in addition to the endorsement from the applicant's current command.

5. USNTPS has a cooperative program with Purdue University wherein Purdue teaches asynchronous online pre-arrival courses that serve as a technical refresher and provide four credits toward a master's degree. Candidates selected for USNTPS will receive directions within 2 weeks of selection board results for their immediate enrollment in Purdue Online. Required pre-arrival coursework on foundational subjects (e.g., calculus and mechanics) will commence online approximately 5 months prior to USNTPS class convene date and will run concurrent to the preparatory aircraft training described above, dependent on the applicable timeline. In cases where the pre-arrival online courses precede aircraft training, candidates are expected to complete the online courses while still attached to their current command. If operational conflicts exist that prevent online pre-arrival course completion, selected candidates should contact USNTPS promptly to discuss contingencies.

6. Application package submissions:

a. The preferred method of application submission is electronic. Email encrypted PDF submissions to cscselboard@navy.mil and carbon copy ernesto.r.villalba.mil@us.navy.mil and brandy.l.dempster-theisen.ctr@us.navy.mil. If required, please visit <https://dod411.gds.disa.mil/> to download the required mailbox certificates to encrypt the email. If unable to send encrypted, please

contact ernesto.r.villalba.mil@us.navy.mil and brandy.l.dempster-theisen.ctr@us.navy.mil for assistance.

b. If unable to send electronically, applications may be sent via U.S. Postal Service to the following address:

MyNavy Career Center
FY26 Test Pilot School Selection Board #2 (Board #380)
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055

c. Applications sent via FEDEX/UPS/DHL should use the following address:

MyNavy Career Center
FY26 Test Pilot School Selection Board #2 (Board #380)
5640 Ticonderoga Loop, BLDG 768, RM E302
Millington, TN 38055-6300

7. Applicants should confirm receipt of their application package and all correspondence by calling the MNCC at 1-833-330-MNCC or DSN 882-6622.

8. Eligibility:

a. Designated naval aviators and NFOs (13X0 and 1510 designators) through the grade of O4, who are qualified for flight duties and have not been terminated from flying status, are eligible for selection.

b. The preferred unrestricted line (13X0) aviators are O3 and O4 aviators with detailer-forecasted career timing to complete the selected TPS program and a minimum 24-month follow-on test tour prior to their next career milestone (e.g. department head).

c. Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer (1510) aviators through the grade of O4 may be selected if they are able to serve a 36-month follow-on test tour and still meet career milestones.

d. Applicants determined to have insufficient career timing to meet the minimum test tour of 24 months may have their application removed from consideration. Applicants may address any timing considerations in their personal statement.

e. Applicants should ensure they have a valid government passport that will not expire prior to completion of the class.

f. USNTPS operates a diverse set of fixed-wing jet, prop, and rotary-wing aircraft. Core aircraft include H-60, H-72, T-6, and T-38. T-6 and T-38 ejection seat weight limits are 103-245 lb. All applicants must be able report to USNTPS pre-arrival training within the above weight limits.

Applicants that have been anthropometrically or otherwise disqualified from a specific aircraft type, class, model, or series must include that information as part of their application package. Applicants who currently exceed ejection seat weight limits or are disqualified from a type, class, model, or series aircraft that preclude safe operation of TPS core aircraft may have their application removed from consideration.

g. Applicants must have a current Tier 5 investigation or Tier 5 reinvestigation with eligibility for Top Secret/Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS/SCI) before transferring to this command. If the applicant does not have the aforementioned eligibility, then the command supporting the applicant will initiate a request for eligibility,

requesting interim TS/SCI eligibility and ensuring the eligibility request has been accepted and is being processed. Applicants unable to obtain a TS/SCI clearance may not be eligible for this assignment.

9. Applicants should periodically check for updates and additional information via MyNavy HR at <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Boards/Administrative/Test-Pilot/>.

10. The points of contact are CDR Ernesto R. Villalba, PERS-434B, via e-mail at ernesto.r.villalba.mil@us.navy.mil or Ms. Brandy Theisen, PERS-434B1, via e-mail at brandy.l.dempster-theisen.ctr@us.navy.mil.

11. Released by Vice Admiral Richard J. Cheeseman, Jr., N1.//

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