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SUBJ/OFFICER APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED BY NAVY FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION
SQUADRON (BLUE ANGELS) FOR THE 2028-2029 SHOW SEASONS//

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AMPN/REF A IS CNATRAINST 1301.4P, APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND QUALIFICATIONS
FOR OFFICERS OF THE NAVY FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION SQUADRON.//

RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN announces the solicitation of officer applications for the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels) for the 2028 - 2029 show seasons. The Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron (Blue Angels) will select:

- a. For 2028-2029 show seasons:
 - (1) Three F/A-18 demonstration pilots. Both Navy and Marine Corps pilots are encouraged to apply. Of the three F/A-18 demonstration pilots selected, one will be for the 2028-2030 show seasons.
 - (2) One Maintenance Officer.
 - (3) One Supply Officer.
 - (4) One Public Affairs Officer.
- b. For 2028-2030 show seasons: One Marine Corps C-130 demonstration pilot.

2. Interested officers, submit applications in line with reference (a) by 30 April 2027. All applicants must contact their detailer/monitor prior to applying to ensure adequate timing to complete a two or three year tour without impacting career milestones. Manpower Management Officer Assignments (MMOA) will release a separate MARADMIN that outlines Marine applicant eligibility requirements. Final selections will be made in July 2027.

3. Qualifications. Applicants should be career-oriented, Navy and Marine Corps Officers with the following specific qualifications:

- a. F/A-18 demonstration pilot applicants:
 - (1) Must be, or have been, carrier qualified with approximately 1,250 tactical jet flight hours by 30 September of the year applying.
 - (2) Have completed an operational Fleet tour.
 - (3) Have completed Advanced Flight Training with an average or greater composite score.
- b. Marine C-130 demonstration pilot:
 - (1) Must have an aircraft commander rating in the C-130J.
 - (2) Should have a minimum of 1,200 total flight hours.
 - (3) Have completed Advanced Flight Training with an average or greater composite score.
- c. Maintenance Officer applicants:

(1) Must be designated Aviation Maintenance Officers
(152X/633X/733X) (CWO3/CWO4/LTJG/LT/LCDR).

(2) Be on, or have completed, an operational Fleet tour.

d. Supply Officer applicants:

(1) Must be designated as Naval Aviation Supply Officer
(310X/651X) (LTJG/LT/LCDR).

(2) Be on, or have completed, an operational Fleet tour.

e. Public Affairs Officer applicants must be designated as Naval Public Affairs Officer (LTJG/LT/LCDR) or USMC Communication Strategy and Operations Officer (4502) (1stLT/CAPT/Maj).

4. Selectees will be approved by Chief of Naval Air Training with BUPERS/MMOA review and concurrence on suitability prior to public notification. Navy and Marine Corps pilots will be required to remain on Active Duty for a period of two years following completion of their assignment with the Blue Angels.

5. Reference (a) details application procedures.

a. Applications submitted via mail through 1 March 2027, address to:
Commanding Officer

Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron

Attn: LCDR Ronny Hafeza

Naval Air Facility El Centro

1605 Third Street

Hangar 5

El Centro, CA 92243

b. Applications submitted via mail from 2 March 2027 through 30 April 2027, address to:

Commanding Officer

Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron

Attn: LCDR Ronny Hafeza

390 San Carlos Road, Suite A

Pensacola, FL 32508-5508

c. Applications may also be delivered in person beginning 15 March 2026.

6. For additional information, visit the Blue Angels website at <https://www.blueangels.navy.mil/>, or contact the Blue Angels Applicants Officer, LCDR Ronny Hafeza, in Pensacola, FL at (850)452- 4650, or in El Centro, CA (January through Mid-March) at (760)339-2509 or via email at ronny.y.hafeza.mil(at)us.navy.mil.

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

8. Released by Ms. Lisa M. St. Andre, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, N1B.//

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