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TRAINING SQUADRON TWENTY-SEVEN INSTRUCTION 3710.12F

Subj: FLIGHT IN SQUADRON AIRCRAFT

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3710.7U
(b) NAVAIR 01-T34AAC-1

Encl: (1) Approved Authority for Flight in Squadron Aircraft
(2) Flight Gear Requirements

1. Purpose. To state this command's policy concerning who may fly in squadron aircraft.

2. Cancellation. VT-27INST 3710.12E

3. Background. Situations arise in which persons other than regularly assigned squadron flight instructors and flight students may either personally desire, or be directed by higher authority, to fly in squadron aircraft. Reference (a) governs such situations and is excerpted here for clarity and convenience.

4. Authorized Persons. Persons who may be authorized orientation and indoctrination flights as passengers include:

a. Military personnel on active duty and Department of Defense (DoD) employees when such flights would materially improve job performance and be in the best interests of the Navy and/or Marine Corps.

b. Persons who, because of their group affiliation, are authorized orientation and indoctrination flights by separate directives (i.e. senior scout program members, Navy League Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol, Reserve Officer Corps (ROTC/JROTC), and other such groups as may be designated by the CNO).

c. Influential persons who, because of their position, can help public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the Navy and/or Marine Corps and their missions (i.e., members of Congress and persons affiliated with the news and media and entertainment personalities).

5. Flight Limitations

a. Only highly qualified flight personnel shall be selected to conduct orientation and indoctrination flights.

b. All flights shall be local flights terminating at the point of origin with no intermediate stops.

c. Orientation and indoctrination flights may be performed only during daylight with weather minimums equal to or better than Visual Flight Conditions (VMC).

d. Flights shall be conducted at no additional cost to the Government on a not-to-interfere basis with operations and training.

e. Formation flying shall not normally be performed unless authorized by the Commanding Officer, VT-27. In these cases, job enhancement flights will be flown in the formation flight chase aircraft. Passengers shall fly as backseat observers on these flights. Enclosure (1) pertains.

6. Flight Requirements. The following requirements shall apply to all orientation and indoctrination flights:

a. All personnel participation in orientation flights shall receive an appropriate physical examination and complete the bailout brief to include the practice bailout from the static trainer.

b. Passengers shall be briefed using reference (b) passenger briefing guide on any information that may be pertinent for passenger safety and comfort. Each item should be fully explained to avoid passenger apprehension or confusion. Passengers occupying flight personnel positions shall be briefed on procedures, controls, and instrumentation in accordance with reference (b).

7. Requests for authorization shall be forwarded sufficiently in advance to allow for staffing through the chain of command prior to the proposed flight.


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APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR FLIGHT IN SQUADRON AIRCRAFT

1. Job enhancement flights. Commanding Officer, VT-27, can approve flights allowing active duty military personnel to fly as passengers per reference (a). Examples of persons eligible under this provision are:

- a. Rated military aviators attached to other units.
- b. Non-flight rated officers attached to this command.
- c. Squadron chaplain.
- d. Squadron flight surgeon.

e. Air Controlman, Flight Simulator Instructors or Ground School Instructors attached to COMTRAWINGFOUR activities.

2. Mission-related flights. Commander, Training Air Wing FOUR, or higher authority, any authorized personnel from outside this command to fly in squadron aircraft as flight instructors or passengers. Designated Naval Aviators flying under this arrangement will verify their physical condition and procure full flight gear. Federal Aviation Administration representative will fly under the one-time flight provision discussed in the instruction. Examples of persons eligible under the provision are:

a. Designated Naval Aviators assigned temporarily to the this command for Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) check-out.

b. Designated Naval Aviators assigned elsewhere but flying with this command as flight instructors.

c. Agents of the Federal Aviation Administration.

3. Public relations flights. Approval authority for the type of flight, which generally involves civilians, is held at Chief, Naval Air Training (CNATRA) level or higher. Examples of persons eligible under this provision are:

- a. Media representatives.
- b. Civilian dignitaries.

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- c. Officials of educational institutions.
- d. Navy League Personnel.
- e. Air Explorer Scouts.

FLIGHT GEAR REQUIREMENTS

1. The following comprises "full flight gear" in the context of this instruction:
 - a. Flame retardant flight suit.
 - b. Identification tags (not applicable to civilians).
 - c. Flight gloves.
 - d. Flight safety boots.
 - e. Protective helmet.
 - f. LPA/SV series survival vest and life preserver.
 - g. Oxygen mask.
 - h. Air sickness bag.
2. All of the above equipment, except dog tags and flight safety shoes, is available on temporary custody from Aviator's Equipment Branch, Hangar 51, NAS Corpus Christi, Texas.