



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

COMTRAWINGONEINST 5726.1  
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### COMTRAWING ONE INSTRUCTION 5726.1

From: Commander, Training Air Wing ONE

Subj: NAVAL AVIATOR FOR A DAY (NAFD) PROGRAM

Encl: (1) NAFD Itinerary  
(2) NAFD Qualification Worksheet  
(3) NAFD List of Approved Volunteers  
(4) Sample Certificate of Achievement  
(5) Sample Directions to NAS Meridian

1. Purpose. This is a volunteer program and is developed to foster and share the experience of what it is like to be a Naval Aviator for exceptional children between the ages of 4-18y/o that are fighting life threatening or degenerative illnesses.

2. Scope. Successful execution of this program will allow the children one incredible day that they will always remember and to completely forget their medical affliction during the day's "training." The day will be tailored based on age and included is a sample itinerary that should provide adequate framework.

3. Background. Training Air Wing ONE (CTW-1) has partnered with Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital, who selects our "Aviators" based on the above criteria. The goal is to provide this experience to 1 or 2 children per month.

4. Policy. It is Navy's policy to promote a joint Navy and community effort to assist in the education and enrichment of America's youth and communities and in revitalizing citizenry. Navy civilian and military volunteers will strive to improve education, as well as the quality of life in local communities. Volunteers are highly encouraged to join with other services, businesses, labor foundations, colleges, universities, religious organizations, community groups, health care centers, and governmental agencies in developing a collective vision of community needs and commitment to share responsibilities and resources required to address them.

5. Action. In order for the day to run smoothly, proper planning is paramount.

a. Once a child has been identified and Batson Children's has sent the "Aviator's" information (Encl. 2), use the following as the Naval Aviator for a Day preparation checklist:

(1) Contact the family to work out an appropriate day based on the capability of the sponsored child. Initial contact should be made no fewer than two weeks prior to the NAFD event day. At a minimum, include the following items in your discussion:

1. Introduce yourself.
2. Give details of what to expect for the day.
3. Verify correct address, email address.
4. Obtain names of other participants (i.e. brothers, sisters, etc.)
5. Advise family contact that participants need to wear close toed shoes.

(2) Ask the following specific questions:

(a) Does the family/child want media coverage (assure them this is 100% optional and they should not feel obligated)? We will respect their privacy concerns.

(b) Does the child have any special nickname (for call-sign)?

b. Order no less than 10 days in advance of the NAFD event day:

(1) Nametags: One nametag with the NAFD insignia for the start of the day and one nametag with Aviator wings for graduation. Refer to enclosure (3) and contact the CTW-1 Secretary.

(2) Flight suit. Refer to enclosure (3).

c. Immediately inform the following personnel that we have an NAFD Aviator coming with the confirmed date.

1. Commodore/CSO/CO's/XO's
2. L3 (static display)
3. Para loft (gear fitting)
4. Schedules (OFT VIP sim tour)
5. Tower
6. Fire Department
7. Public Affairs Officer (relay instructions for media coverage and request a photographer).

d. Forward the NAFD family driving directions to the base.

e. Solicit volunteers amongst the NAFD approved volunteer list (Encl. 3).

f. Cake needs to be ordered 48 hours prior and picked up the morning of the event (with plates and utensils).

g. Lunch needs to be ordered from Tutto Bene and picked up 20 minutes prior to lunch (as scheduled on the itinerary).

h. Two persons need to be available for the duration of the event. At least one of the members shall be with the child from start to finish. Students shall not be considered an approved escort.

i. Send E-mail reminder to all participants one week prior to the NAFD event.

j. Call the family one week prior.

k. Call all involved departments one day prior (Tower/ PAO/ Ops Firehouse).

l. On the day of the event; arrive at the gate 30 minutes prior to the planned NAFD family arrival time to escort them to the Wing.

m. Look sharp; this may be the only time the family has ever/ will ever interact with members of the Armed Forces.

n. Have fun! (it's contagious)

#### 6. Administration and Funding:

a. This is an unfunded and voluntary program. Never solicit any funds via methods not outlined below unless you have full JAG approval. Questions may be forwarded to NAS Meridian JAG/CNATRA JAG.

#### b. Approved Methods of Funding:

(1) Individual military personnel can sponsor a child and pay for the expenses associated with the child's visit (sourcing and costing approximately \$85).

(2) Squadron Officer Messes can sponsor a child on approval of the members of the mess.

(3) Sales of NAFD merchandise (by the mess) where the funds are dedicated solely to the sponsorship of a child.

(4) You **MAY NOT** solicit donations or "crowd source" from the public.

Caution: If you think of a fundraising idea different than outlined above. SEEK JAG APPROVAL BEFORE fundraising begins.

7. Resources.

- a. This information including enclosures can be found at:  
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Naval Aviator for a Day Itinerary

- 0900 Aviator and family arrive at front gate where they will be escorted to the hangar by the sponsor/escort officers.
- 0910 Change NAFD into appropriate uniform (flight suit).
- 0915 Welcome brief w/Commander, Training Air Wing ONE, sponsor/escort officers (War room) (x2498)
- 0930 PR Shop for flight gear fitting (x3591)
- 0945 Tour of T-45C and pictures (T-45C Static Display) (PAO x2602, 601-604-0006)
- 1030 Simulator tour, Carrier Qualification
- 1130 Pizza lunch to refuel (War Room) (x2345)
- 1230 Runway tour/ IFLOLS tour to observe landing aircraft and obtain LSO qualification
- 1315 Control Tower tour and qualification (x2505)
- 1345 Ops Fire Department tour/firefighter qualification (x2589)
- 1430 Winging/ Cake in War Room (Gather all available Aviator's from squadron RR's)

\*Escort will be provided from start to finish

Note: As you progress through the itinerary, be sure to contact the next stop 15 min prior to your arrival. Keep all subsequent participants informed if there is a schedule shift.

# Naval Aviator

for a Day

## Qualification Worksheet



Hannah Dunaway

# High Flight

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed and joined  
the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds -  
and done a hundred things You have not dreamed of -  
wheeled and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence.  
Hovering there I've chased the shouting wind along  
and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.

"Up, up the long delirious burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,  
where never lark, or even eagle, flew;  
and, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
the high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
put out my hand and touched the face of God."

- John Gillespie Magee, Jr.



# Qualifications

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Carrier  
1) Qualification \_\_\_\_\_

2) LSO  
Qualification \_\_\_\_\_

3) Control Tower  
Qualification \_\_\_\_\_

4) Firefighter  
Qualification \_\_\_\_\_

Naval Aviator For A Day Approved Volunteers

Program Manager and Assistant Program Manager have the authority to designate additional volunteers as needed. Volunteers will be appointed by the program manager and approved by the Chief of Staff Officer via designation letter.

Program Manager- LCDR Watt, C. x2090, or as designated. PRD: Dec 2014  
Assistant Program Manager - LCDR Bell, J. x 2330, or as designated. PRD: Dec 2014

Volunteers	PRD:
LT Acton, K.	May 2016
LT D'Antonio, C.	Aug 2015
LT Clay, A.	Jun 2016
LT Burns, J.	Jul 2015
LT Estrada, J.	Jul 2015

**Important Contact Info:**

Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital: Tena McKenzie tmckenzie@umc.edu 601-984-1100

NASMER PAO (Media/ Photos): Susan Junkins/ Penny Randall x2602, 601-604-0006

Para loft: L3 Paraloft Supervisor, x3591

Tower: Tower Supervisor, ATC Carson x2505

Ops Fire Department: Fire Chief, Chief Bill Heimer x2589

L3 (for static display): x2159

SCHEDES: x3367

Nametags: Commodore's Secretary, Kim Amis x2498/Dolphin International Inc  
757-431-9260

Flight suit: Rothco Cotton Flight suit-  
[http://www.amazon.com/Military-Airforce-Style-Flightsuit-Coveralls/dp/B0002CKDPI/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1398693439&sr=8-2&keywords=flightsuit](http://www.amazon.com/Military-Airforce-Style-Flightsuit-Coveralls/dp/B0002CKDPI/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1398693439&sr=8-2&keywords=flightsuit)

Cake: Winn Dixie on 39N next to Hardies 601-485-0808

# *Certificate of Achievement*

This is to certify

**Hannah Dunham**

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two Thousand Fourteen,

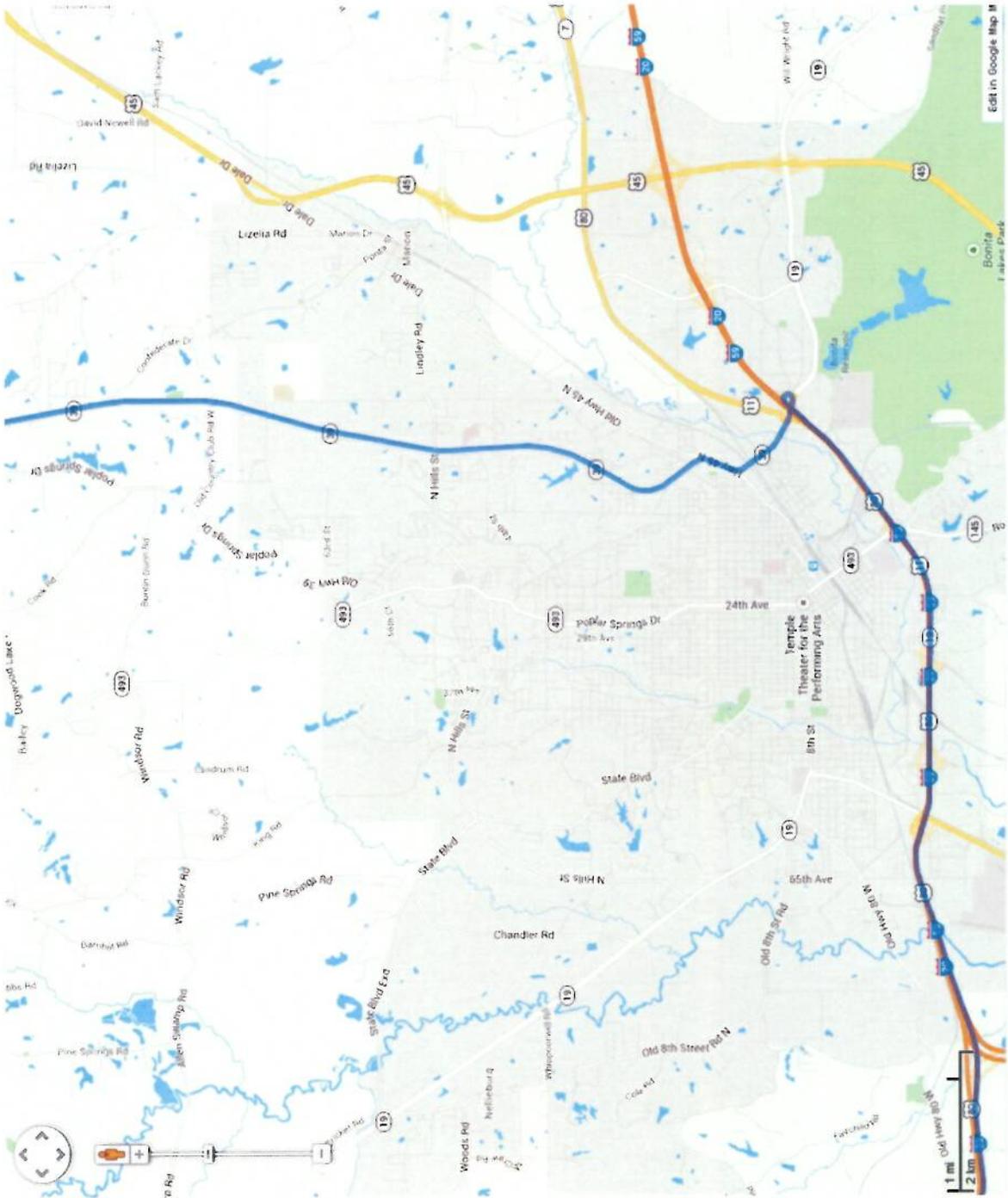
Did complete the Naval Aviator for a Day training syllabus, thereby earning the qualification thereof, and is hereby authorized to wear the Naval Aviator for a Day Insignia and Wings of Gold.



LCDR Clinton A. Watt,  
Director



Take I-20 East to Meridian



Take exit 154B HWY 39N



Proceed N39 for approx 11 miles



Take a right on Stennis Dr  
after 3.5 miles road terminates in the front gate  
Pull into "Pass and Tag"  
(The prominent brick building right before the actual gate)