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Subj: NEWLY WINGED AVIATORS FLYING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3710.7U  
(b) CNATRAINST 1542.167A

1. Background. F/A-18 Fleet Replacement Squadrons (FRSs) currently face low Ready For Production (RFP) rates, creating long delays in FRS class start dates for Category I Fleet Replacement Pilots (FRPs). It is recognized that flying skills are perishable, especially in aviators with low total flight time. Training Air Wing (TRAWING) ONE and TRAWING TWO currently have excess production capacity due to underproduction from Primary training squadrons. By holding newly winged aviators (NWAs) at TRAWING ONE and TRAWING TWO with regular flying opportunity, these NWAs will be afforded the opportunity to maintain their skills at a far higher level while awaiting their FRS start date.

2. Purpose. This notice directs the initiation of an NWA flying program at TRAWING ONE and TRAWING TWO until such time as FRS RFP rates improve. Commander, Naval Air Force Pacific (COMNAVAIRPAC) and Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) concur that each NWA should fly **approximately 11 hours per month** under this program, scheduled on a not-to-interfere basis with all other normal Student Naval Aviator (SNA) production requirements at TRAWING ONE and TRAWING TWO.

3. Applicability. This program applies to U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps NWAs who face significant wait times between their official winging date and the start of their six-week entitlement period for Permanent Change of Station (PCS) to the FRS. This six-week entitlement period does include the time required to complete Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) training enroute to the FRS.

4. Qualifications. NWAs will not earn a NATOPS qualification in the aircraft. Therefore, all flights executed under this program shall be flown with a NATOPS-qualified Instructor Pilot (IP).

5. Flight Time and Minimums. As winged aviators, NWAs will log First Pilot Time (FPT), Co-Pilot Time (CPT), Actual/Simulated Instrument Time (AIT/SIT), Night Time, approaches, and landings. The allotted hours per month should be sufficient for each NWA to maintain all flight minimums required by reference (a).

6. Training Events. The following events from reference (b) are available to be flown under this program:

- a. FAM43: Familiarization maneuvers, emergencies, landing pattern.
- b. FRM43: Basic formation lead
- c. FRM44: Cruise formation
- d. DIV41: Division formation
- e. IR31: Instrument proficiency simulator
- f. IR41: Instrument proficiency
- g. IR42: Used **only** for 2L3 NATOPS Instrument Check renewal
- h. NFR43: Night formation
- i. BFM42: TACFORM refresher
- j. BFM47: Neutral Basic Fighter Maneuvering (may be used for neutral/offensive/defensive sets as required)
- k. SEM41: Section Engaged Maneuvering
- l. SUPT: Dedicated lead or wingman for an NWA event.

7. Training Execution

a. Given the intent of this program to maintain fundamental skills for NWAs, squadrons are expected to schedule each NWA across the full range of available flight events. It is understood that overemphasis on any particular event will reduce the opportunity to practice the skills of other events.

b. No gradesheets will be done for these events.

c. Currency and Weather Minimums. Currency (last flight, BFM, etc.) and weather requirements will apply per reference (a) and local standard operating procedures.

d. Multi-plane NWA events may be flown with a dedicated lead or wingman (scheduled as "WA-SUPT"), or with another NWA or NWAs. Lead changes may be performed as required to maximize training for all NWAs in the flight.

e. The list of events contained above does not preclude NWAs from flying with qualified IPs in open seats during normal SNA syllabus lead/chase/plat events (i.e., 2FORM LEAD, NFAM CHASE, etc.). **NWAs may be at the controls for these events, but IPs must be vigilant in preserving quality of SNA training as their primary mission.** These events will contribute to the NWA's 11-hour flight time target, but should not be logged as NWA events. Instead, log them as normal SNA lead/chase/plat events, with "None" listed as the event name for the NWA. This will preserve SNA training data integrity.

f. The block event scheduled will provide the conduct for the flight. However, there is no requirement to complete all maneuvers on a particular event, and no gradesheets will be generated.

g. NWAs participating in this program shall renew their 2L3 NATOPS Instrument Qualification during their final month of participation. This renewal may be flown in the aircraft (as IR42) or in the simulator.

h. Substandard Performance. Substandard performance by NWAs will be addressed by squadron leadership through normal fleet processes. CNATRA-type UNSATs will not be awarded. If performance warrants, a Field Naval Aviator Evaluation Board (FNAEB) will be convened.

8. TIMS Execution. In order to preserve vital NAPP data processes regarding normal SNA training, IUT training, overhead tracking, etc., it is **critical** that TRAWING TIMS Functional Administrators, Operations departments, Student Control personnel, and schedulers understand and comply with this guidance.

a. Pilot resourcing. Upon completion of each SNA syllabus, each student record must be closed out in TIMS per normal processes. **After** winging, **after** CeTARS transactions are complete, and **prior to flying** under this program, re-enter the NWA in TIMS as a TRAWING resource (not squadron) listed as "Pilot." This will exclude NWAs from data pulls that involve IPs, IUTs, and students.

b. Scheduling. Each flight executed under this program will be scheduled as a "WA-BLK##," where "WA" stands for Winged Aviator and "BLK##" is chosen from the list of available events in paragraph 6 above. For example, "WA-DIV41" would be listed in TIMS and on the flight schedule for an NWA who will execute a division sortie. These event names will allow each NWA and IP to clearly see on the flight schedule what conduct to expect on the event. These event names will also tie the correct Flight Purpose Code (FPC: 1F1, 1F2, 1F6, or 2L3) and flight duration to the event for the NAVFLIR.

c. Dedicated lead or wingman flights flown to support NWA training shall be scheduled and logged as "WA-SUPT" sorties.

d. Logging. Each NWA event's NAVFLIR will be completed using the "1 IP, 1 Pilot" resource code. Lead or wing events flown to support NWA training should use the most appropriate code ("2 IPs," "1 IP, 1 Pilot," "IP Solo", etc.) as applicable.

9. Program Termination. This program will be terminated when FRS FRP rates improve and long delays for NWA FRS start dates are eliminated. CNATRA N3 will monitor execution of the program and FRS start delays.

10. Points of Contact:

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11. Cancellation. This notice shall remain in effect for one year, until cancelled, or superseded by a CNATRANOTE with the same subject.

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