

## **Blue Angels Announce Officer and Enlisted Opportunities for the 2012 Team**

**NAF El Centro, Calif.** – The Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels, are encouraging qualified Navy and Marine Corps officers and enlisted personnel to apply for the 2012 and follow on seasons.

According to the right wing pilot LCDR James Tomaszeski, who is also this season's Applicants Officer, the squadron is looking for three F/A-18 demonstration pilots, one Marine Corps C-130 demonstration pilot, one Supply Officer and one Administrative Officer.

The squadron's Enlisted Applications Senior Chief Petty Officer Aviation Electronics Technician Senior Chief (AW) Patrick Hosterman, said the team has a variety of positions available for Navy and Marine Corps E-5 and above. Outstanding E-4s could also be considered for the following ratings/NECs: Aviation Machinist's Mate (AD), Aviation Electrician's Mate (AE), Aviation Structural Mechanics (AM and AME), Aviation Ordnanceman (AO), Aviation Electronics Technician (AT), Aviation Maintenance Administrationman (AZ), Aircrew Survival Equipmentman (PR), Mass Communications Specialist (MC), Logistics Specialists (LS), and Yeoman (YN). Also the team is looking for an E-6 Hospital Corpsman (HM) with an 8406 NEC, and E-7s in the AZ, AT, AO, AM, LS and YN ratings.

"Applicants do not need to have F/A-18 experience," Hosterman explained. "The Blue Angels have a very comprehensive preparation period that new team members go through. We are looking for the most qualified men and women in the Navy and Marine Corps. Team members must exemplify a strong work ethic, exceptional communication skills, the ability to work as a team and the desire to uphold the traditions of the Blue Angels organization."

Command Master Chief (AW/SW) Yoshimi Core said that enlisted applicants should be exemplary Sailors and Marines, who are willing to work outside their area of expertise and

enjoy traveling. “Our command mission is to enhance recruiting and retention efforts,” Core says, “but we also serve as ambassadors of goodwill, and bolster pride and patriotism in American citizens. It takes a special person to be able to do that naturally.” Core said that the command is unique because the enlisted selection process includes a majority of input from the Sailors and Marines themselves. “Essentially, the crew members nominate their reliefs” Core said, “therefore, it’s important that we have many applicants to consider.”

“All officers who meet the required qualifications are encouraged to apply. Even if you are not interested, maybe you know someone who is,” Tomaszeski said. “The opportunity to demonstrate the teamwork and dedication of our military to its citizens across the country is a rare privilege. We represent the Navy and Marine Corps, and it is important to us that the individuals selected are the most balanced and proficient in their fields.”

“Applying is easy,” Tomaszeski explained, “however, once we enter the decision making process we take a lot of time to ensure the right applicant is chosen. We have a 65-year tradition of excellence to uphold.”

Information on how to apply may be found on the Blue Angels’ web site:

[www.blueangels.navy.mil](http://www.blueangels.navy.mil). The application deadline for enlisted applications is May 1, 2011.

Applications for officers are due no later than April 30, 2011. For more information on the officer application process, please contact LCDR Tomaszeski until mid March 2011, at DSN 658-2509 or commercial (760) 339-2509. After March 13, he may be reached at DSN 922-2583, ext. 3112 or commercial (850) 452-2583, ext. 3112, or emailed at:

[james.tomaszeski@navy.mil](mailto:james.tomaszeski@navy.mil). For more information on the enlisted application process, please contact ATCS P. Hosterman, until March 13, at DSN 658-2075 or commercial (760) 339-2434. After March 14, he may be reached at DSN 922-2583, ext. 3130 or (850) 452-2583 ext. 3130, or emailed at: [patrick.hosterman@navy.mil](mailto:patrick.hosterman@navy.mil).