



# INFORMATION

FOR ALL

AVIATION OFFICER CANDIDATES

REPORTING TO

# NAVAL AIR STATION

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA



# **INFORMATION FOR OFFICER CANDIDATES REPORTING TO THE CHIEF OF NAVAL AIR BASIC TRAINING**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This publication is designed to help you, the Officer Candidate through the initial stage of training and should answer many of the questions you undoubtedly have concerning your new way of life. The term Aviation Officer Candidate (AOC) is the official title of one Navy program for source inputs to aviation training, but is also used as a general term in reference to all officer candidates in aviation flight training, i.e., AOC, NAOC, AVROC, etc.

## **ORDERS**

Read your orders carefully. While traveling, keep them in your possession at all times. The original and copies of your orders will be necessary for check-in, and any financial reimbursement to which you may be entitled. When you arrive at the Naval Air Station the sentry at the gate will direct you to report to the Naval Aviation Schools Command, Indoctrination Battalion, where your check-in to CNABATRA is conducted. You must report prior to the time specified in your orders.

## **TRAINING SITE**

Your orders will direct you to report to the Chief of Naval Air Basic Training (CNABATRA), whose headquarters are at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida. The station is approximately seven miles southwest of the city of Pensacola. The following are detailed instructions on how to reach the station from Pensacola:

- a. If arriving by commercial air, take the airport limousine to the Naval Air Station. A limousine is available after every flight and costs about \$3.00. Regular taxi service is also available. The fare to the station from the airport is approximately \$4.50 for one to four persons. Time for the trip is about thirty (30) minutes.
- b. If arriving by car, and using a Florida State Road Map or a map of Pensacola, follow the directions to Highway 295 in Pensacola, which leads directly into the Main Gate of NAS Pensacola. You will note that this leads southwest, and through the Warrington area.
- c. If arriving by Greyhound or Trailways bus (both terminals are on Baylen Street), taxi service is available and the fare is approximately \$2.50. Time for the trip is about fifteen (15) minutes.

## **AUTOMOBILES**

It is permissible for officer candidates to have automobiles while undergoing training. Their use is restricted during the indoctrination phase, but may be used thereafter when in a liberty status. Students desiring to bring cars to NAS, Pensacola are required to obtain station tags at

the "Pass and Tag Office" located at the main gate. Applicants for passes *must* present:

- a. Valid Operator's permit.
- b. Ownership certificate, registration card, or a notarized letter authorizing vehicle operation if the operator is not the registered owner.
- c. Insurance policy, or a binder indicating the expiration date, amount of coverage, and policy number of automobile insurance. The following are minimum amounts of coverage allowed: (Insurance policies or binders must be presented).
  - (1) \$10,000 – bodily injury, each person.
  - (2) \$20,000 – bodily injury, each accident.
  - (3) \$5,000 – property damage, each accident.

## **TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

Candidates who drive to Pensacola will be reimbursed at the rate of 6c a mile. If travel is to be performed by other than car, the individual will be issued a ticket at government expense, which will normally be for commercial air. No travel allowance is authorized for a candidate's dependents. On date of departure, the candidate is considered on active duty and will receive pay as an E-2 for the period of travel. On receipt of commissioning orders, action may be commenced for moving dependents to Pensacola. Travel payment for dependents is 6c a mile for adults and 3c for children over four and under twelve years of age. Travel claims cannot be processed until after commissioning.

## **DEPENDENTS**

Married candidates should bring a copy (*not* the originals) of his marriage certificate, birth certificates of children, and a copy of divorce papers if applicable. These must be presented if application for BAQ (Basic Allowance for Quarters) is made. Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) may be obtained for dependents *after reporting* on active duty at Pensacola. *It is emphasized that the Government will NOT pay for travel of dependents to Pensacola until after the date commissioning orders are received.* Any travel expenses incurred by dependents prior to this date must be borne by the individual candidate. Approximately the first three weeks of training is a period of intense activity and physical examination, during which period candidates are required to remain on Station. Dependents must live off base and the candidates will not normally be given liberty during the first three weeks. Those dependents who experience difficulties during this time are urged to call the Regimental Officer of the Day (452-4178), Chaplain, or social director of Naval Aviation Schools Command (452-4111) for assistance.

## **HOUSING**

A housing service (Family Housing Referral Office) has been established at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, for the purpose of providing personalized and conveniently available service to assist married personnel in locating suitable housing. Location is in the Public Works Center, Building 1, telephone 452-4412. It is *mandatory* that personnel who bring dependents to Pensacola contact the Housing Referral Office prior to obtaining rental housing because of existing regulations which prohibit military personnel from renting or leasing certain categories of housing not having filed certificates of nondiscrimination. Authorized listings are available at the Family Housing Referral Office. As an additional assistance to candidates, the Naval Aviation Schools Command has designated a Housing Liaison Officer (452-4242) and the

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Regimental Candidate Liaison Officer at the Indoctrination Battalion to assist with housing problems. It is recommended that candidates bringing families, arrive several days early to get properly established *prior to checking in for duty*.

*Limited* government housing is available for married officer candidates. Such housing may be requested through application to the Family Housing Referral Office. This Office also maintains a listing of off-base rentals in the greater Pensacola area. It is suggested that you contact this office for any housing information prior to seeking information from off-base agencies. *The only OFFICIAL housing and information offices are those which are located within the gates of the Naval Air Station.* On your arrival, you may observe free information centers which are not located within the Naval Complex. These centers are not sanctioned, or supported by the Navy, but are private business entities. Although there is no desire to discourage the purchase of or rental of private facilities if you are so inclined, it is strongly recommended that you seek and obtain legal assistance from Legal Officers on board the Naval Air Station prior to making any substantial financial obligation or commitment by contract or otherwise. Civilian housing is usually available. Furnished apartments or houses are available for approximately \$125.00 to \$160.00 per month. These prices do not include utilities (gas, water, electricity, or telephones). Cash deposits are normally required and range from \$35.00 to \$50.00. Some luxury apartments are available at a cost of \$150.00 to \$200.00 per month, plus utilities.

## **HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

When the AOC or NAOC receives orders to report to Pensacola he is in an E-2 pay status and does not rate any entitlements with regard to household goods. After reporting he advances to an E-5 status, and qualifies to move 200 pounds of personal belongings to Pensacola at the government's expense. The married AOC or NAOC does *not* rate additional weight, and if more than 200 pounds are moved, it is at his own expense. The Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate (AVROC) does not have a prescribed weight allowance but under provisions of the Joint Travel Regulations rates 200 pounds excess baggage. This excess baggage must be packed and delivered to the Navy Recruiter to be moved by the government, and upon arrival in Pensacola, picked up and stored by the AVROC.

Just before being commissioned Ensign, USNR, the candidate will receive a notification of commissioning orders, and can then move his household goods to Pensacola. (Ensigns rate 9,500 pounds of household goods). Regulations governing all the various aspects of shipment of household goods and movement of mobile homes (trailers) at government expense are quite complex and cannot be adequately covered in this pamphlet. Candidates who have questions or a problem in this respect should check with a Navy Personal Property Office to determine specific entitlements.

## **PERSONAL GEAR**

Personal gear should be kept to a *minimum*, including toilet articles. You may bring such items as a musical instrument and slide rule. All other necessary gear is issued or purchased on the Naval Air Station in order to maintain standardization. It is advisable to bring *minimum* civilian clothing since possession of such clothing by non-commissioned students is not authorized until completion of the 16 week Aviation Officer Candidate Course. Such clothing may be sent home as soon as you are outfitted, or stored locally at no cost. You are required to purchase certain prescribed personal items for your use in the training program. These items are purchased during your first week. Therefore, it is *mandatory* that you have a minimum of \$60.00 in your possession upon reporting.

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Officer candidates are NOT permitted to have alcoholic beverages in their possession on the base, or consume alcoholic beverages other than at the Aviation Officer Candidate Club or locations specified by the AOC School.

## LEAVE AND LIBERTY

With the exception of that period during Indoctrination (approximately 3 weeks) wherein liberty is not granted, liberty or permission to leave the Naval Air Station will be granted only on weekends (Saturday evening through Sunday afternoon) until after commissioning. During the entire training program, leave (paid vacation days) is granted to students ONLY in cases of emergency or unusual circumstances and during specified holiday (Xmas, etc.) periods. Leave is *not* granted on commissioning.

## TRAINING

The Naval Aviation Schools Command at which you will commence training is one of several training activities under CNABATRA. It is a commissioned activity, commanded by a Captain, U.S. Navy, and is composed of five schools: Aviation Officers Candidate, Environmental Indoctrination, Aviation Officer Indoctrination, Aviation Instructor Training, and Naval Aviation Indoctrination School for U. S. Naval Academy and USN ROTC Midshipmen. Only the first two are of interest to you as a prospective Naval Aviator or Naval Flight Officer. These schools cover three essential phases of training: Academic, Military, and Physical Fitness. Academic instruction consists principally of lectures, supplemented with practical work, training films, and other training aids. This training enables the student to assume more effectively his responsibilities as an Officer and Aviator/Naval Flight Officer. Military training consists of lectures, drills, and inspections to instill in the students the finest sense of duty, honor and loyalty. During the "Indoc" phase of your training, you will undergo a *strenuous* indoctrination period under the close tutelage of a Drill Instructor (normally a Marine). This is a transition period from civilian to military status and is considered by most candidates to be quite rigorous and demanding, both physically and mentally. Physical fitness and survival develops teamwork, mental aggressiveness, competitive spirit, and the will to succeed. The command operates under the honor system. The curriculum is prescribed by the Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) and is conducted as follows:

- a. AOC/NAOC's will complete 11 continuous weeks of instruction in the AOC School including Environmental Indoctrination and Applied Leadership. The first week of check-in and indoctrination is not included in the eleven weeks.
- b. Upon completion of AOC School, AOC's will report to VT-1 at Saufley Field for five weeks of Primary Flight Training. The AOC will be commissioned on Friday of the sixteenth week (5th week of Primary) provided he has successfully soloed in the T-34 aircraft.
- c. After completion of AOC School, NAOC's will continue their training at VT-10 and will be commissioned on Friday of their sixteenth week (5th week at VT-10).
- d. Environmental Indoctrination will consist of instruction in Aerodynamics, Aviation Physiology, Engineering, Aviation Student Information, Swimming, Physical Fitness, and Survival. This instruction will be provided to the AOC/NAOC as a part of the eleven week AOC School.
- e. The Survival Training consists of one week of intensive land and sea survival training. The student acquires sufficient proficiency in swimming and water/land survival techniques to enhance his chances of surviving a forced landing or a ditching at sea.

## ACADEMIC PREPARATION

A math and physics exemption test will be given shortly after you report. Sufficient preparation *prior* to reporting to the Naval Aviation Schools Command will enable you to pass the required diagnostic examinations and thus avoid being delayed from commencing the Flight Training

Program. You should obtain five math and physics programmed texts from your recruiting activity or by writing to the:

Student Affairs Officer  
Naval Aviation Schools Command  
Naval Air Station  
Pensacola, Florida 32508

It is recommended that you study and complete these texts in the following order: algebra, trigonometry, vectors, physics I and II.

## PHYSICAL PREPARATION

Candidates are urged to immediately start a daily exercise program in preparation for the physical training and swimming syllabi. Experience has shown that only those men who are in good physical condition *on arrival* can meet the requirements in the time frame allocated.

Candidates deficient in physical fitness/swimming often suffer an academic handicap because of *extra* physical fitness and/or swimming instruction required during their academic program. These candidates are usually delayed in completion of their training for a minimum period of two to four weeks.

### Physical Fitness Standards

(minimum requirements)

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| I. jump and reach     | 19 inches   |
| standing broad jump   | 77 inches   |
| chin ups              | 5   |
| push ups              | 35  |
| sit ups               | 45 (2 min max time to complete)                                     |
| endurance shuttle run | 52 seconds max time to run 300 yds<br>(60 yds up and back, 5 times) |
- II. obstacle course run—600 yard course with 11 obstacles;  
4 minutes and 10 seconds maximum time for run.
- III. cross-country run—1.5 miles; 12 minutes max time for run.

### Swimming Tests

- I. Tread water (three phases)\*  
1 minute with hands immobilized  
19 minutes tread with use of hands and feet  
10 minutes drownproof exercise  
(there is no break between each succeeding phase)
- II. Stroke test (4 phases, 50 yds each)  
breast stroke (using whip kick, not scissors kick)  
side stroke (using scissors kick)  
back stroke (elementary, not crawl)  
crawl stroke (using rhythmic breathing)
- III. Tower jump and underwater swim\*  
jump from 12 foot tower using correct body position for water entry and  
without surfacing, swim underwater 50 feet.
- IV. One mile swim (using any stroke)\*

\*indicates student wears flight suit during test

## **PAY**

The monthly base pay for an Officer Candidate as an E-5 (with less than two years service) is \$297.30 before taxes. In addition, Candidates with dependents are entitled to a monthly \$105.00 BAQ (Basic Allowance for Quarters). Dependents do *not* have to reside in the Pensacola area to receive this allowance. A copy of your marriage certificate, and a copy of birth certificate in the case of dependent children must be presented at time of application for BAQ at NAS, Pensacola. Information regarding a dependent parent(s) may also be furnished at time of application at NAS Pensacola. Officer Candidates with dependents may be entitled to a \$30.00 a month Family Separation Allowance (FSA) provided dependents are not residing in the Pensacola area. If receiving FSA and you bring your dependents to the Pensacola area prior to your commissioning, you must notify the Student Personnel Office, CNABATRA, Building 45, Room 220, so that it may be terminated.

AOC's and NAOC's may also have portions (allotment's) of their pay sent to whomever is desired (except loan companies). Allotments up to the total amount of pay received, may be made. The AVROC is not entitled to make allotments.

## **NOTE FOR WIVES OF MARRIED AOC'S**

The AOC Wive's Club is an active organization and you will enjoy meeting many new friends. They meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the AOC Club. These sessions are informal, but should be quite informative. Guest speakers cover topics ranging from foreign affairs to household effects, and are most helpful in making your introduction to the Navy enjoyable and educational. The sponsor of your AOC Wive's Club will be sending you a letter with a return card asking for your anticipated date of arrival in Pensacola. It is important that you return this card prior to your arrival. This provides information enabling your many new friends to welcome and assist you.

## **DISENROLLMENT**

Officer candidates who are disenrolled prior to being commissioned will be honorably discharged and returned to civilian status. AVROC's will be returned to their Naval Reserve Unit to ultimately complete their obligated service requirements. If you are disenrolled from flight training for any reason after you get your commission but prior to getting your wings, your status will be reviewed by a board of naval officers.

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